

**SUPPLEMENT DATED MAY 1, 2019  
TO**

**FIRST INVESTORS LIFE SERIES FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND  
STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019**

**FIRST INVESTORS TAX EXEMPT FUNDS PROSPECTUS, SUMMARY PROSPECTUSES AND  
STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED MAY 1, 2019**

On April 9, 2019, The Independent Order of Foresters, the ultimate parent company of Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. (“FIMCO”), which is the investment adviser to the separate series of the trusts listed above (the “Funds”), Foresters Financial Services, Inc. (“FFS”), which is the Funds’ distributor, and Foresters Investor Services, Inc. (“FIS”), which is the Funds’ transfer agent, announced that it has entered into the two definitive purchase agreements described below that, once completed, will result in the sale of its U.S. North American Asset Management businesses.

First, FIMCO has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Macquarie Management Holdings, Inc. (“Macquarie”) whereby Macquarie, a global investment management firm headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will purchase FIMCO’s assets related to the mutual fund management business, including the Funds (the “Transaction”). The Transaction is not expected to result in any material changes to the Funds’ investment objectives and principal investment strategies. However, upon the completion of the Transaction, Macquarie expects that each Fund will be reorganized into a substantially similar fund that is managed by Delaware Management Company, a subsidiary of Macquarie (the “Reorganizations”). The Transaction is expected to be completed during the fourth calendar quarter of 2019, pending the satisfaction of certain closing conditions and approvals, including approvals of the Reorganizations by the Funds’ Board of Trustees and Fund shareholders at a special shareholder meeting.

Second, FFS and Foresters Advisory Services, LLC (“FAS”) has entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Cetera Financial Group, Inc. (“Cetera”), a U.S.-based wealth management firm headquartered in Denver, Colorado, whereby Cetera will purchase FFS’ retail brokerage business and FAS’ retail advisory business. This transaction is expected to be completed in the second calendar quarter of 2019.

No shareholder action is necessary at this time. More detailed information about the Reorganizations will be provided in a forthcoming proxy statement. When you receive your proxy statement, please review it carefully and cast your vote. This Supplement is not a proxy and is not soliciting any proxy, which can only be done by means of a proxy statement.

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

**First Investors Life Series  
International Fund  
Summary Prospectus**

**May 1, 2019**

**Ticker Symbol**

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Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find this and other information about the Fund, including the statement of additional information ("SAI") and most recent reports to shareholders, at [www.foresters.com/lifeprospectuses](http://www.foresters.com/lifeprospectuses). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1 (800) 423-4026 or by emailing [investorservices@foresters.com](mailto:investorservices@foresters.com). The Fund's prospectus and SAI, dated May 1, 2019, as each may be amended or supplemented, and the financial statements in the annual report to shareholders, dated December 31, 2018, are incorporated herein by reference.

**Investment Objective:** The Fund primarily seeks long-term capital growth.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund:** This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. Investments in the Fund can only be made through a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy offered by a participating insurance company. This table does not reflect the fees and expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. For information regarding those fees and expenses, please refer to the applicable variable annuity contract or life insurance policy prospectus. If those fees and expenses were included, the overall fees and expenses shown in the table would be higher.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> ( <i>fees paid directly from your investment</i> )	
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	N/A
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of purchase price or redemption price)	N/A

<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> ( <i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i> )	
Management Fees	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	0.11%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>0.86%</b>

**Example**

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The table below does not include the fees or expenses that are or may be imposed by a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. If they were included, the expenses shown in the table below would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you do or do not redeem your shares, your costs would be:

	<b>1 year</b>	<b>3 years</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>10 years</b>
International Fund	\$88	\$274	\$477	\$1,061

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). Higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 50% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of common stocks and other equity securities of companies that are located outside of the United States. To a limited degree, the Fund may also invest in companies based in the United States. The Fund primarily relies on the country where the issuer is incorporated, is headquartered or has its principal place of business in determining the location of an issuer. The Fund may consider a company to be located in a particular country even if it is not domiciled in, or have its principal place of business in, that country if at least 50% of its assets are in, or it expects to derive at least 50% of its total revenue or profits from, goods or services produced in or sales made in that country.

The Fund typically invests in the securities of medium to large size companies, but will also invest in smaller companies. The Fund’s holdings may be limited to the securities of 40 to 60 different issuers and may focus its investments in companies located in or tied economically to particular countries or regions. The Fund may invest significantly in emerging or developing markets.

Additionally, from time to time, in pursuing its investment strategies, the Fund may hold significant investments (25% or more of its assets) in a specific market sector, including the consumer staples sector.

The subadviser selects investments by screening a universe of stocks that meet its “quality growth” criteria, which include high return on equity and low to moderate leverage, among others. It then further narrows that universe by using a bottom-up stock and business analysis approach to identify companies whose businesses are

highly profitable, have consistent operating histories and financial performance and enjoy possible long-term economic prospects. The subadviser also seeks to generate greater returns by investing in securities at a price below what it believes to be the company’s intrinsic worth.

In making sell decisions, the subadviser considers, among other things, whether a security’s price target has been met, whether there has been an overvaluation of the issuer by the market, whether there has been a clear deterioration of future earnings power and whether, in the subadviser’s opinion, there has been a loss of long-term competitive advantage.

**Principal Risks:** You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

*Emerging Markets Risk.* The risks of investing in foreign securities are heightened when investing in emerging or developing markets. The economies and political environments of emerging or developing countries tend to be more unstable, resulting in more volatile rates of returns than developed markets and substantially greater risk.

*Focused Portfolio Risk.* Because the Fund’s assets may be invested in a limited number of issuers, its performance may be more volatile than other funds whose portfolios contain a larger number of securities.

*Foreign Securities Risk.* There are special risk factors associated with investing in foreign securities, including the risks of fluctuations in exchange rates, potential political and economic instability, differing accounting and financial reporting standards or inability to obtain reliable financial information regarding a company’s financial condition, less stringent regulation and supervision of foreign securities markets, custodians and securities depositories, and potential capital restrictions. To the extent the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in securities of a single country or region, it is more likely to be affected by events or conditions of that area. As a result, it may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified fund.

**Liquidity Risk.** Certain investments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a favorable time or price. Market developments may cause the Fund's investments to become less liquid and subject to erratic price movements. This risk is particularly acute in the case of foreign securities that are traded in smaller, less-developed or emerging markets.

**Market Risk.** Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

**Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk.** The market risk associated with the securities of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with securities of larger, more established companies because such securities tend to experience sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult for the Fund to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

**Sector Risk.** The Fund may hold a significant amount of investments in similar businesses, which could be affected by the same economic or market conditions. The Fund may be significantly invested in the consumer staples

sector, meaning the value of its shares may be particularly vulnerable to factors affecting that sector, such as the health of the overall economy, marketing campaigns, changes in consumer demands, government regulations and changes in commodity prices.

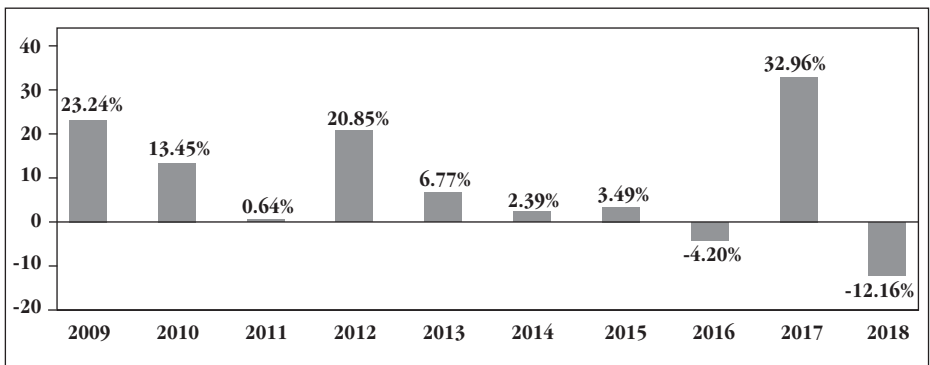
**Security Selection Risk.** Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

*An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.*

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

The bar chart and table do not reflect fees and expenses that may be deducted by the variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy through which you invest. If they were included, the returns would be less than those shown.

### Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 19.05% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest quarterly return was -12.92% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2011).

## Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
International Fund	-12.16%	3.46%	7.97%
MSCI EAFE Index (Gross) (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	-13.36%	1.00%	6.81%
MSCI EAFE Index (Net) (reflects the deduction of foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	-13.79%	0.53%	6.31%

**Investment Adviser:** Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser and Vontobel Asset Management, Inc. ("Vontobel") serves as the subadviser of the Fund.

**Portfolio Managers:** The Fund is managed primarily by Matthew Benkendorf, Managing Director, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager for Vontobel, who has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2016. Daniel Kranson and David Souccar, each an Executive Director, Senior Research Analyst and Portfolio Manager for Vontobel, have served as Deputy Portfolio Managers of the Fund since 2016.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares:** Investments in the Fund can only be made through a purchase of a variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy for which the Fund is an investment option. You may wish to contact the issuing insurance company and/or refer to the applicable contract or policy prospectus for information on how to purchase and sell shares of the Fund.

**Tax Information:** The Fund currently sells its shares only to participating insurance companies for allocation to their separate accounts. Accordingly, you generally will not

be subject to federal income tax as the result of purchases or redemptions or exchanges of Fund shares, Fund dividends, or other distributions by the Fund. However, there may be tax consequences associated with investing in the variable annuity contracts and life insurance policies. For information concerning federal income tax consequences for accountholders of such contracts or policies, accountholders should consult with the issuing insurance company and refer to the applicable contract or policy prospectus.

**Payments To Insurance Companies and Other Financial Intermediaries:** The Fund and its related companies may make payments to an issuing insurance company, its affiliates, or other financial intermediaries for distribution and/or other services. These payments may be a factor that an insurance company considers in including the Fund as an underlying investment option for a variable annuity contract or life insurance policy. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing your financial representative or the insurance company or other financial intermediary to recommend a First Investors Fund over another investment. You may contact your financial representative or visit your insurance company's or financial intermediary's website for more information.

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