

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC.  
Form SC 13G  
February 11, 2019

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

Information Statement Pursuant to Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. ) \*

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC  
(Name of Issuer)

COMMON SHARES  
(Title of Class of Securities)

957667108  
(CUSIP Number)

(Holdings as of December 31, 2018)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

☒ Rule 13d-1(b)

☐ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting  
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of  
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which  
would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

CUSIP NO. 957667108

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

RELATIVE VALUE PARTNERS GROUP, LLC  
TIN 47-4067697

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a) ☐  
(b) ☐

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Not Applicable

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

|                                                                                        |                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON<br>WITH | 5. Sole Voting Power: 970,467      |
|                                                                                        | 6. Shared Voting Power: 0          |
|                                                                                        | 7. Sole Dispositive Power: 970,467 |
|                                                                                        | 8. Shared Dispositive Power: 0     |

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

970,467

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

20.79%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IA

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ITEM 1(A) Name of Issuer:

WESTERN ASSET VARIABLE RATE STRATEGIC FUND INC.

ITEM 1(B) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

620 Eighth Avenue  
49th Floor  
New York, New York 10018  
USA

ITEM 2(A) Name of Person Filing:

RELATIVE VALUE PARTNERS GROUP, LLC

ITEM 2(B) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

1033 SKOKIE BLVD. SUITE 470, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

ITEM 2(C) Citizenship:

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ITEM 2(D) Title of Class of Securities:

COMMON SHARES

ITEM 2(E) CUSIP Number:

957667108

ITEM 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to (S)240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) ☐ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) ☒ An investment adviser in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with (S) 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) ☐ A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) ☐ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) ☐ Group, in accordance with (S)240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

ITEM 4 OWNERSHIP

ITEM 4(A): Amount Beneficially Owned:

970,467 shares

ITEM 4(B): Percent of Class:

20.79%

ITEM 4(C): Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 970,467

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

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(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 970,467

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

ITEM 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable.

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ITEM 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 10 CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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DATE

/s/ MAURY FERTIG

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SIGNATURE

MAURY FERTIG/MANAGING MEMBER

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NAME/TITLE