



NVIT CardinalSM Conservative Fund

Nationwide VIT

Fact sheet

Q4 2018
AS OF 12/31/18

Objective: Seeks a high level of total return consistent with a conservative level of risk as compared to other Cardinal Funds

Class I
Class II

Asset class: Allocation
Morningstar category: Allocation—15% to 30% Equity

Management expertise:

Provides access to sophisticated managers chosen for their skill in their particular asset class

Asset allocation solution:

Provides a total portfolio solution for conservative investors targeting a 20% equity and 80% fixed income mix

Active management:

Invests heavily in fixed-income funds consistent with its objective to generate investment income

Top Holdings

	% of portfolio
NVIT Short Term Bond Fund	29.2
NVIT Core Plus Bond Fund	22.3
NVIT Core Bond Fund	17.3
Nationwide Bond Fund R6	5.7
NVIT Multi-Manager Large Cap Growth Fund	5.2
NVIT Multi-Manager Large Cap Value Fund	5.2
Nationwide Inflation-Prot Sec R6	4.1
NVIT Multi-Manager Intl Growth Fund	3.3
NVIT Multi-Manager Intl Value Fund	3.3
NATIONWIDE VARIABLE INSURANCE TRUST-DOUBLELINE	2.6

Holdings are provided for informational purposes and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities.

Target Allocations

	% of portfolio
U.S. intermediate-term bonds	42.6
U.S. short-term bonds	29.0
U.S. large-cap stocks	11.0
Nontraditional	9.4
International stocks	7.0
U.S. mid-cap stocks	1.0

Average Annual Total Returns (%)

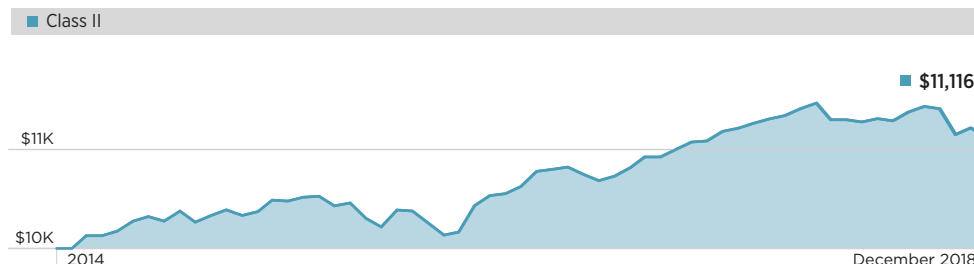
Share class	QTD	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Class I	-2.59	-2.51	-2.51	2.81	2.23	4.48
Class II	-2.59	-2.60	-2.60	2.71	2.14	4.38
Morningstar Con Target Risk Index	-1.24	-1.20	-1.20	3.43	2.54	4.37
BBgBarc US Agg Bond Index	1.64	0.01	0.01	2.06	2.52	3.48
Category	-2.60	-2.33	-2.33	3.04	2.66	5.03

Performance returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Total returns reflect a contractual expense limitation for direct annual Fund expenses for all classes for certain periods since inception, without which returns would have been lower. Performance numbers do not reflect and would be reduced by the insurance-related fees and charges of the variable product. Please consult the variable product prospectus for information about these fees and charges. As of 4/30/18, the Fund changed its broad-based securities index from the BBgBarc US Agg Bond Index to the Morningstar Con Target Risk Index in order to more accurately reflect the allocation between equity and fixed income securities held by the Fund.

Share class	Expense ratios		Inception date
	Gross (%)	Net (%)	
Class I	0.88	0.78	03/27/2008
Class II	1.13	0.87	03/27/2008

The expense ratios are as shown in the most recent prospectus. Expenses include underlying fund expenses. The difference between gross and net operating expenses reflects contractual fee waivers in place through 04/30/2019. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

Growth of \$10k (01/01/14-12/31/18)



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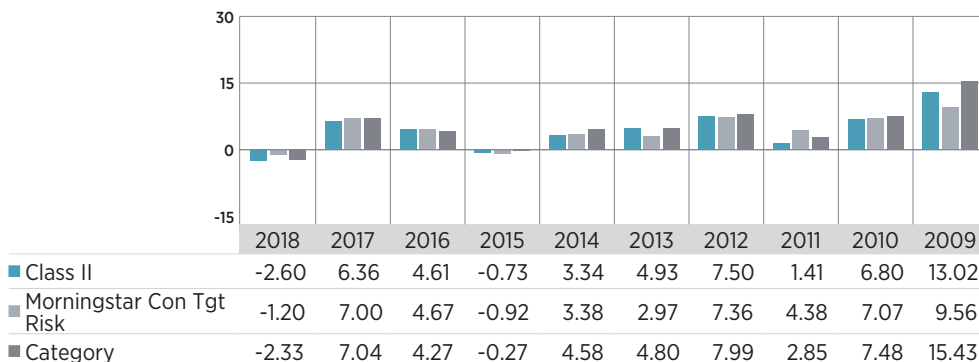
Portfolio Characteristics

Total Net Assets (all classes)	\$631.3M
Total Number of holdings	13
Sharpe Ratio*	0.5
Standard deviation*	2.9
Alpha*	-0.6
Beta*	1.0
R-Squared*	85.2

Portfolio characteristics are based on Class II shares.

*Rolling 36 months

Calendar Year Returns (%)



Portfolio Management

Nationwide Fund Advisors (NFA)

Christopher C. Graham, Fund tenure since 2016
Keith P. Robinette, CFA, Fund tenure since 2017
Andrew Urban, CFA, Fund tenure since 2017



Underlying Portfolio Management Subadvisers

Aberdeen Standard Investments
American Century Investment Management, Inc.
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP
DoubleLine Capital LP
Invesco Advisors, Inc.
Lazard Asset Management LTD
Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P.
MFS Investment Management

Nationwide Asset Management, LLC
Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC
Smith Asset Management Group L.P.
The Boston Company Asset Management, LLC
Thompson, Siegel & Walmsley, LLC
WEDGE Capital Management
Wellington Management Company LLP
Wells Capital Management, Inc.

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DEFINITIONS: Average annual total returns are the annual compounded returns that would have produced the cumulative total return if fund performance had been constant during the given period. Sharpe ratio measures excess return per unit of risk (standard deviation). A higher Sharpe ratio suggests better risk-adjusted performance. Standard deviation measures performance fluctuation, may not be indicative of future risk and is not a predictor of returns. Alpha represents the excess returns of a fund relative to its benchmark. A positive alpha is the added value an active manager has contributed over the benchmark returns. Beta measures volatility in relation to the fund's benchmark. A beta of less than 1.0 indicates lower volatility, while a beta of more than 1.0 indicates higher volatility relative to the benchmark. R-Squared measures the percentage of a fund's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark.

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Morningstar Conservative Target Risk Index: The Morningstar Target Risk Index family is designed to meet the needs of investors who would like to maintain a target level of equity exposure through a portfolio diversified across equities, bonds and inflation-hedged instruments. The Morningstar Conservative Target Risk Index seeks approximately 20% exposure to global equity markets.

Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index: An unmanaged, market value-weighted index of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable debt issues, which includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage pass-throughs), asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities (agency and non-agency). Market index performance is provided by a third-party source Nationwide Funds Group deems to be reliable (Morningstar). Indexes are unmanaged and have been provided for comparison purposes only. No fees or expenses have been reflected. Individuals cannot invest directly in an index. © 2019 Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

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