



# NVIT Cardinal<sup>SM</sup> Moderate Fund

Nationwide VIT

Fact sheet

**Q4 2018**  
AS OF 12/31/18

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

Class I  
Class II

**Asset class:** Allocation  
**Morningstar category:** Allocation—50% to 70% 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 moderate investors targeting a 60% equity and 40% fixed income mix

**Active management:**

Invests in a mix of actively managed international equity, U.S. equity and domestic fixed income funds

**Top Holdings**

	% of portfolio
NVIT Core Plus Bond Fund	15.8
NVIT Multi-Manager Large Cap Growth Fund	15.2
NVIT Multi-Manager Large Cap Value Fund	15.2
NVIT Core Bond Fund	12.8
NVIT Short Term Bond Fund	9.7
NVIT Multi-Manager Intl Growth Fund	7.8
NVIT Multi-Manager Intl Value Fund	7.6
NVIT Emerging Markets Fund	4.0
Nationwide Bond Fund R6	2.8
Nationwide Intl Small Cap Fund R6	2.7

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. large-cap stocks	32.0
U.S. intermediate-term bonds	28.0
International stocks	16.0
U.S. short-term bonds	9.0
Nontraditional	7.0
U.S. mid-cap stocks	3.0
International small-cap stocks	3.0
U.S. small-cap stocks	2.0

**Average Annual Total Returns (%)**

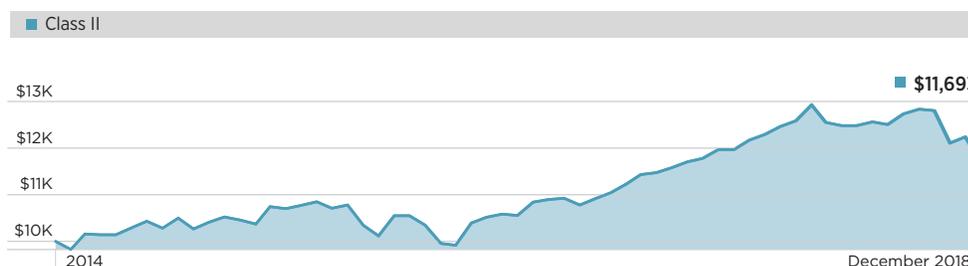
Share class	QTD	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Class I	-8.74	-7.07	-7.07	4.23	3.25	7.54
Class II	-8.68	-7.09	-7.09	4.17	3.18	7.46
Morningstar Mod Target Risk Index	-6.81	-4.76	-4.76	5.84	4.08	7.97
Russell 3000 Index	-14.30	-5.24	-5.24	8.97	7.91	13.18
Category	-8.40	-5.30	-5.30	4.86	3.95	8.62

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 Russell 3000 Index to the Morningstar Mod 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	1.01	0.91	03/27/2008
Class II	1.26	1.00	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)	\$2.3B
Total Number of holdings	15
Sharpe Ratio*	0.5
Standard deviation*	6.8
Alpha*	-1.9
Beta*	1.1
R-Squared*	96.8

Portfolio characteristics are based on Class II shares.

\*Rolling 36 months

## 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



## Calendar Year Returns (%)



## Underlying Portfolio Management Subadvisers

Aberdeen Standard Investments  
Allianz Global Investors U.S. LLC  
American Century Investment Management, Inc.  
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP  
DoubleLine Capital LP  
Epoch Investment Partners, Inc.  
JP Morgan Investment Management, Inc.  
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WCM Investment Management  
WEDGE Capital Management  
Wellington Management Company LLP  
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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 Moderate 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 Moderate Target Risk Index seeks approximately 60% exposure to global equity markets.

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