

## Annual Report

December 31, 2019

# NVIT DFA Moderate Fund

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This report and the holdings provided are for informational purposes only and are not intended to be relied on as investment advice. Investors should work with their financial professional to discuss their specific situation.

### Statement Regarding Availability of Quarterly Portfolio Holdings

The Trust files complete schedules of portfolio holdings for each Fund with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. Additionally, the Trust files a schedule of portfolio holdings monthly for the NVIT Government Money Market Fund on Form N-MFP. Forms N-PORT and Forms N-MFP are available on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). Forms N-PORT and Forms N-MFP may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC, and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330. The Trust also makes this information available to investors on [nationwide.com/mutualfunds](http://nationwide.com/mutualfunds) or upon request without charge.

### Statement Regarding Availability of Proxy Voting Record

Information regarding how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities held during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling 800-848-0920, and on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov).

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Variable products are issued by Nationwide Life Insurance Company or Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio. The general distributor is Nationwide Investment Services Corporation (NISC), member FINRA.

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### Dear Investor,

Equity markets reached all-time highs during the annual reporting period ended December 31, 2019, as investors were encouraged by an incrementally dovish Federal Reserve (Fed) and hopes for a trade deal with China.

Leading into the reporting period, markets were weak in reaction to a global economic slowdown driven by trade concerns and geopolitical uncertainty. The S&P 500® Index (S&P 500) registered -13.7% in the fourth calendar quarter of 2018 — the worst quarter in seven years. Conditions improved immediately, however, with the S&P 500 returning 13.5% in the first calendar quarter of 2019 (the best quarter since the financial crisis of 2008) and delivering a 31.5% return overall for the reporting period. Fixed-income returns were sharply higher on falling interest rates and tightening credit spreads as demand for yield by investors continued to be strong.

International stocks also rallied during the reporting period, although both developed and emerging market indexes lagged the S&P 500, with the MSCI EAFE® Index returning 22.0% and the MSCI Emerging Markets® Index returning 18.4%. Investors initially were concerned that the synchronized global growth story was cracking due to disappointing economic growth and the prospect for trade tariffs. Markets recovered on stabilizing economic data and accommodative monetary policy by central banks across the globe.

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### **The S&P 500 was higher in 10 of the 12 months during the reporting period.**

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Universally, risk assets (those with a significant degree of price volatility) were higher during the 12-month reporting period, led by strength in the equity market and the long-dated bond market. Growth stocks substantially outperformed value, while large-capitalization stocks beat small-cap stocks.

Economic growth was modest for the reporting period due to trade disputes and sluggishness

overseas, with gross domestic product (GDP) growth 3.1% in the first quarter of 2019, followed by 2.0% in the second quarter, 2.1% in the third quarter and an expected 1.8% in the fourth quarter. Corporate profit growth was weak for the reporting period. S&P 500 earnings growth spiked in 2018 to 21%, but the full-year growth rate in 2019 was roughly flat, driven by weakness overseas and the strong U.S. dollar. The profit picture appears to be stabilizing, with healthy growth projected for 2020, providing a strong backdrop for equity returns.

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### **U.S. economic activity remains relatively supportive for equity market returns.**

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The performance of fixed-income markets was broadly higher for the reporting period as falling interest rates and tightening credit spreads drove performance. The Fed reversed course following a steady path of hikes to the federal funds rate. At the December 2018 meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) hiked the rate for the fourth time in 2018 and guided two additional hikes for 2019. By the August 2019 meeting, the FOMC entered an easing phase to address a mid-cycle slowdown that followed with additional cuts in September and October. The Fed has entered a pause period, with the balance of risks roughly neutral between upside and downside. The shift to a dovish stance led to a drastic drop in interest rates across the yield curve, with the 10-year Treasury yield falling from 2.68% to 1.92% during the reporting period, and the 2-year Treasury yield dropping from 2.50% to 1.57%. The yield curve was flat by historical standards, with the spread between the 10-year and 2-year yields at 0.35% at period end.

As volatility continues in the markets, it is important to remember that investing is a long-term process. Nationwide Funds encourages you to speak with your financial professional to ensure that your portfolio maintains the right balance for your goals. Thank you for your continued support and confidence.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Spangler  
President and CEO  
Nationwide Funds

Index	Annual Total Return (as of December 31, 2019)
Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond	13.11%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond	7.54%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 1-3 Year Government/ Credit Bond	4.03%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 10-20 Year Treasury Bond	10.95%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond	8.72%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	14.32%
MSCI ACWI ex USA	21.51%
MSCI EAFE®	22.01%
MSCI Emerging Markets®	18.42%
Russell 1000® Growth	36.39%
Russell 1000® Value	26.54%
Russell 2000®	25.52%
S&P 500®	31.49%

Source: Morningstar

For the annual period ended December 31, 2019, the NVIT DFA Moderate Fund (Class II) returned 17.51% versus 19.04% for its benchmark, the Morningstar® Moderate Target Risk Index. For broader comparison, the median return for the Fund's Morningstar® insurance funds peer category, Allocation — 50% to 70% Equity (consisting of 381 funds as of December 31, 2019), was 19.27% for the same period. Performance for the Fund's other share class versus the Fund's benchmark is stated in the Average Annual Total Return chart in this report's Fund Performance section.

During the reporting period, U.S. stocks posted strong positive results, with large-capitalization stocks appreciating the most as the S&P 500® Index returned 31.49% over the reporting period. U.S. mid-capitalization stocks, represented by the S&P MidCap 400® Index, returned 26.20%, and U.S. small-capitalization stocks posted positive results during the reporting period, with the Russell 2000® Index returning 25.52%. Non-U.S. stocks also posted positive returns despite the uncertainty from U.S. trade policy and deteriorating economic data through most of the year. The MSCI EAFE® Index (representing non-U.S. developed market countries) returned 22.01%, and the MSCI Emerging Markets® Index returned 18.42%.

U.S. and non-U.S. bonds enjoyed the tailwind as government bond yields broadly tracked the weaker global economic data lower from the beginning of 2019 through the third quarter. In response, the U.S. central bank cut interest rates three times during the year, and concerns regarding an inverted yield curve were put to rest as increased growth expectations lifted longer-dated interest rates in the fourth quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index returned 8.72% during the period. Meanwhile the ICE Bank of America/Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II Index (which tracks high-yield corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. market) returned 13.73% for the reporting period with credit spreads remaining near historical lows for most of the year amid low volatility. The S&P/Citigroup International Treasury Bond ex-US Index (which tracks sovereign debt in non-U.S. developed markets) returned 4.56% for the reporting period.

All 14 underlying investments held by the Fund during the reporting period posted positive returns. The underlying DFA US Core Equity 1 Portfolio returned 30.18% and was the largest contributor to the Fund's returns for the period. The DFA VA US Value Portfolio was the next-highest contributor to Fund performance, returning 25.78% during the period. The Nationwide Contract and DFA Intermediate Government Fixed Income Portfolio had positive returns of 2.56% and 7.22%, respectively, but contributed the least to the Fund's performance during the reporting period.

During the reporting period, there were no material changes of the Fund's allocations to the underlying investments.

The Fund does not use derivatives.

#### **Adviser:**

Nationwide Fund Advisors

#### **Portfolio Managers:**

Christopher C. Graham; Keith P. Robinette, CFA; and Andrew Urban, CFA

The Fund is designed to provide diversification across a variety of asset classes, primarily by investing in underlying funds sponsored by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP. Therefore, in addition to the expenses of the Fund, each investor is indirectly paying a proportionate share of the applicable fees and expenses of its underlying funds.

The Fund is subject to different levels of risk, based on the types and sizes of its underlying asset class allocations and its allocation strategy. In addition, the Fund's underlying funds may be subject to specific investment risks, including but not limited to: stock market risk (equity securities); default risk and interest rate risk — if interest rates go up, bond prices go down, and if interest rates go down, bond prices go up (bonds); investment leverage, illiquidity and high volatility (derivatives); sector risk; and currency fluctuations, political risks, differences in accounting and limited availability of information (international securities). Please refer to the most recent prospectus for a more detailed explanation of the Fund's principal risks.

The Fund may invest in the Nationwide Contract, which is a fixed interest contract issued by Nationwide Life Insurance Company (Nationwide Life), an affiliate of the Fund's investment adviser, Nationwide Fund Advisors. Neither the Fund, the Adviser, Nationwide Life nor any of its affiliates guarantees the Fund's performance or that the Fund will provide a certain level of income. If Nationwide Life becomes unable to meet this guarantee, the Fund that invests in the Nationwide Contract may lose money from unpaid principal or unpaid or reduced interest. The financial health of Nationwide Life may have a greater impact on the value of the Fund that invests in it.

Asset allocation is the process of spreading assets across several different investment styles and asset classes. The purpose is to potentially reduce long-term risk and capture potential profits across various asset classes. There is no assurance that the investment objective of any fund (or that of any underlying fund) will be achieved or that a diversified portfolio will produce better results than a nondiversified portfolio. Diversification does not guarantee returns or insulate an investor from potential losses, including the possible loss of principal.

A description of the benchmarks can be found on the Market Index Definitions page at the back of this book.

**Asset Allocation<sup>1</sup>**

Equity Funds	65.7%
Fixed Income Funds	19.6%
Investment Contract	14.8%
Liabilities in excess of other assets	(0.1)%
	100.0%

**Top Holdings<sup>2</sup>**

DFA U.S. Core Equity 1 Portfolio, Institutional Class	24.2%
DFA VA U.S. Large Value Portfolio	15.1%
Nationwide Contract	14.8%
DFA VA International Value Portfolio	9.1%
DFA International Large Cap Growth Portfolio	7.0%
DFA Short Duration Real Return Portfolio, Institutional Class	6.9%
DFA Intermediate Term Extended Quality Portfolio	4.9%
DFA Investment Grade Portfolio	4.9%
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio, Institutional Class	4.1%
DFA VA International Small Portfolio	3.1%
Other Holdings	5.9%
	100.0%

<sup>1</sup> Percentages indicated are based upon net assets as of December 31, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages indicated are based upon total investments as of December 31, 2019.

**Average Annual Total Return<sup>1</sup>**

(For the periods ended December 31, 2019)

	1 Yr.	5 Yr	Inception <sup>2</sup>
Class II	17.51%	5.67%	6.77%
Class P	17.71%	5.81%	6.92%
Morningstar® Moderate Target Risk Index	19.04%	6.75%	7.34%

<sup>1</sup> The returns reported above do not include the effect of sales charges or additional expenses imposed by variable annuity contracts.

<sup>2</sup> Since inception date of January 7, 2013.

**Expense Ratios**

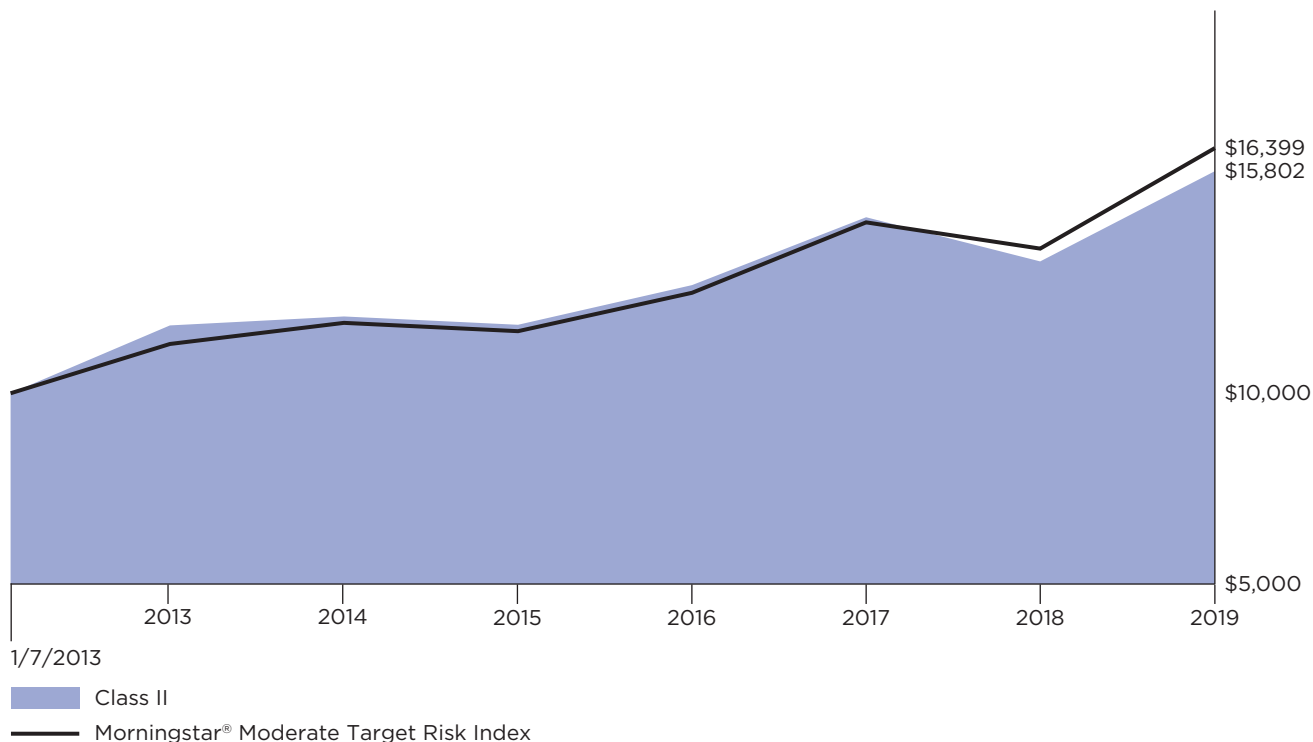
	Gross Expense Ratio <sup>^</sup>	Net Expense Ratio <sup>^</sup>
Class II	1.15%	0.88%
Class P	1.00%	0.73%

<sup>^</sup> Current effective prospectus dated April 30, 2019. The expense ratio also includes indirect underlying fund expenses. The difference between gross and net operating expenses reflects contractual waivers in place through April 30, 2020. Please see the Fund's most recent prospectus for details. Please refer to the Financial Highlights for each respective share class' actual results.



## Performance of a \$10,000 Investment

Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, and when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Investing in mutual funds involves market risk, including loss of principal. Performance returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions.



Comparative performance of \$10,000 invested in Class II shares of the NVIT DFA Moderate Fund versus performance of the Morningstar® Moderate Target Risk Index from inception through 12/31/19. Unlike the Fund, the performance of this index does not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. One cannot invest directly in a market index. A description of the benchmark can be found on the Market Index Definitions page at the back of this book.

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) paid on purchase payments and redemption fees; and (2) ongoing costs, including investment advisory fees, administration fees, distribution fees and other Fund expenses. The examples below are 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. Per Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) requirements, the examples assume that you had a \$1,000 investment in the Class at the beginning of the reporting period (July 1, 2019) and continued to hold your shares at the end of the reporting period (December 31, 2019).

### Actual Expenses

For each Class of the Fund in the table below, the first line provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. 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 first line of each Class under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid During Period” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

### Schedule of Shareholder Expenses

Expense Analysis of a \$1,000 Investment

<b>NVIT DFA Moderate Fund</b> December 31, 2019		<b>Beginning Account Value (\$) 7/1/19</b>	<b>Ending Account Value (\$) 12/31/19</b>	<b>Expenses Paid During Period (\$) 7/1/19 - 12/31/19<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Expense Ratio During Period (%) 7/1/19 - 12/31/19<sup>(a)(b)</sup></b>
Class II Shares	Actual <sup>(c)</sup>	1,000.00	1,061.00	3.32	0.64
	Hypothetical <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	1,000.00	1,021.98	3.26	0.64
Class P Shares	Actual <sup>(c)</sup>	1,000.00	1,061.00	2.55	0.49
	Hypothetical <sup>(c)(d)</sup>	1,000.00	1,022.74	2.50	0.49

(a) Expenses are based on the direct expenses of the Fund and do not include the effect of the underlying Funds' expenses, which are disclosed in the Fee and Expense table and described more fully in a footnote to that table in your Fund Prospectus.

(b) The Example does not include charges that are imposed by variable insurance contracts. If these charges were reflected, the expenses listed below would be higher.

(c) Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 multiplied to reflect one-half year period. The expense ratio presented represents a six-month, annualized ratio in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission guidelines.

(d) Represents the hypothetical 5% return before expenses.

### Hypothetical Expenses for Comparison Purposes

The second line of each Class in the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Class' actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Class' 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 from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Class of 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 transaction costs, such as sales charges (loads) or redemption fees. If these transaction costs were included, your costs would have been higher. Therefore, the second line for each Class in the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. The examples also assume all dividends and distributions are reinvested.

# Statement of Investments

December 31, 2019

## NVIT DFA Moderate Fund

### Investment Companies 85.3%

	Shares	Value
<b>Equity Funds 65.7%</b>		
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio, Institutional Class	56,985	\$ 1,240,570
DFA International Large Cap Growth Portfolio	152,356	2,114,708
DFA U.S. Core Equity 1 Portfolio, Institutional Class	280,063	7,262,022
DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio, Institutional Class	26,094	914,059
DFA VA International Small Portfolio	73,523	920,512
DFA VA International Value Portfolio	222,285	2,725,217
DFA VA U.S. Large Value Portfolio	165,869	4,553,117
<b>Total Equity Funds</b> <b>(cost \$17,944,235)</b>		<b>19,730,205</b>
<b>Fixed Income Funds 19.6%</b>		
DFA Intermediate Government Fixed Income Portfolio, Institutional Class	68,924	880,847
DFA Intermediate Term Extended Quality Portfolio	131,259	1,474,040
DFA Investment Grade Portfolio	130,726	1,470,668
DFA Short Duration Real Return Portfolio, Institutional Class	209,561	2,074,653
<b>Total Fixed Income Funds</b> <b>(cost \$5,703,143)</b>		<b>5,900,208</b>
<b>Total Investment Companies</b> <b>(cost \$23,647,378)</b>		<b>25,630,413</b>

### Investment Contract 14.8%

	Principal Amount
Nationwide Contract, 2.50% <sup>^</sup> ∞ (a)(b)	\$4,453,513
<b>Total Investment Contract</b> <b>(cost \$4,453,513)</b>	<b>4,453,513</b>
<b>Total Investments</b> <b>(cost \$28,100,891) — 100.1%</b>	<b>30,083,926</b>
<b>Liabilities in excess of other assets — (0.1)%</b>	<b>(42,040)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS — 100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 30,041,886</b>

<sup>^</sup> Value determined using significant unobservable inputs.

<sup>∞</sup> Fair valued security.

(a) The Nationwide Contract is issued by Nationwide Life Insurance Company. The interest rate is assessed and may change quarterly. The security is restricted and has been deemed liquid pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. The liquidity determination is unaudited. Please refer to Note 2(a) for additional information on the contract.

(b) Investment in affiliate.

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.**

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2019

	NVIT DFA Moderate Fund
<b>Assets:</b>	
Investment security of affiliated issuer, at value (cost \$4,453,513)	\$ 4,453,513
Investment securities of unaffiliated issuers, at value (cost \$23,647,378)	25,630,413
Receivable for investments sold	2,361
Reimbursement from investment adviser (Note 3)	5,057
Prepaid expenses	41
Total Assets	30,091,385
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Payable for capital shares redeemed	2,361
Cash overdraft (Note 2)	73
Accrued expenses and other payables:	
Investment advisory fees	4,288
Fund administration fees	10,864
Distribution fees	6,308
Administrative servicing fees	3,099
Accounting and transfer agent fees	47
Trustee fees	100
Compliance program costs (Note 3)	30
Professional fees	10,176
Printing fees	6,311
Other	5,842
Total Liabilities	49,499
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$30,041,886</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
Capital	\$27,987,849
Total distributable earnings (loss)	2,054,037
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$30,041,886</b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Class II Shares	\$24,770,637
Class P Shares	5,271,249
Total	\$30,041,886
<b>Shares Outstanding</b> (unlimited number of shares authorized):	
Class II Shares	1,940,399
Class P Shares	419,990
Total	2,360,389
<b>Net asset value and offering price per share</b> (Net assets by class divided by shares outstanding by class, respectively):	
Class II Shares	\$ 12.77
Class P Shares	\$ 12.55

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# Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<b>NVIT DFA Moderate Fund</b>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME:</b>	
Dividend income from unaffiliated issuers	\$ 534,309
Interest income from affiliated issuer	100,885
Total Income	<u>635,194</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Investment advisory fees	46,037
Fund administration fees	46,734
Distribution fees Class II Shares	57,092
Distribution fees Class P Shares	10,610
Administrative servicing fees Class II Shares	34,255
Professional fees	17,971
Printing fees	10,646
Trustee fees	1,065
Custodian fees	933
Accounting and transfer agent fees	185
Compliance program costs (Note 3)	116
Other	724
Total expenses before expenses reimbursed	<u>226,368</u>
Expenses reimbursed by adviser (Note 3)	<u>(59,048)</u>
Net Expenses	<u>167,320</u>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<u>467,874</u>
<b>REALIZED/UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) FROM INVESTMENTS:</b>	
Net realized gains distributions from unaffiliated issuer	192,529
Net realized gains from transactions in investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	339,696
Net realized gains	<u>532,225</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the value of investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	<u>3,285,960</u>
Net realized/unrealized gains	<u>3,818,185</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u><u>\$4,286,059</u></u>

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# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	NVIT DFA Moderate Fund	
	Year Ended December 31, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2018
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 467,874	\$ 397,126
Net realized gains	532,225	906,616
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	3,285,960	(3,346,301)
Change in net assets resulting from operations	4,286,059	(2,042,559)
<b>Distributions to Shareholders From:</b>		
Distributable earnings:		
Class II	(839,714)	(1,158,599)
Class P	(184,167)	(218,637)
Change in net assets from shareholder distributions	(1,023,881)	(1,377,236)
Change in net assets from capital transactions	2,799,650	6,906,513
Change in net assets	6,061,828	3,486,718
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of year	23,980,058	20,493,340
End of year	<u>\$30,041,886</u>	<u>\$23,980,058</u>
<b>CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
<b>Class II Shares</b>		
Proceeds from shares issued	\$ 4,856,004	\$ 8,577,402
Dividends reinvested	839,714	1,158,599
Cost of shares redeemed	(3,964,526)	(2,406,315)
Total Class II Shares	1,731,192	7,329,686
<b>Class P Shares</b>		
Proceeds from shares issued	1,678,794	660,905
Dividends reinvested	184,167	218,637
Cost of shares redeemed	(794,503)	(1,302,715)
Total Class P Shares	1,068,458	(423,173)
Change in net assets from capital transactions	<u>\$ 2,799,650</u>	<u>\$ 6,906,513</u>
<b>SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
<b>Class II Shares</b>		
Issued	392,892	663,137
Reinvested	66,243	100,575
Redeemed	(321,459)	(186,416)
Total Class II Shares	137,676	577,296
<b>Class P Shares</b>		
Issued	136,427	51,737
Reinvested	14,760	19,307
Redeemed	(65,594)	(103,060)
Total Class P Shares	85,593	(32,016)
Total change in shares	<u>223,269</u>	<u>545,280</u>

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# Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	NVIT DFA Moderate Fund
<b>DECREASE IN CASH</b>	
<b>Cash flows used in operating activities:</b>	
Net increase in net assets from operations	\$ 4,286,059
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net increase/decrease in net assets from operations to net cash used in operating activities:</b>	
Purchase of investment securities of affiliated issuers	(1,184,181)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities of affiliated issuers	524,862
Purchase of investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	(5,667,635)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	3,985,521
Reinvestment of interest income from affiliated issuers	(100,885)
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the value of investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	(3,285,960)
Net realized gain from transactions in investment securities of unaffiliated issuers	(339,696)
Decrease in reimbursement from investment adviser	2,334
Decrease in receivable for investments sold	41,855
Increase in prepaid expenses	(4)
Increase in investment advisory fees payable	793
Increase in fund administration fees payable	17
Increase in distribution fees payable	1,167
Increase in administrative servicing fees payable	575
Decrease in accounting and transfer agent fees payable	(12)
Increase in trustee fees payable	88
Increase in compliance program costs payable	5
Increase in professional fees payable	425
Increase in printing fees payable	1,284
Decrease in other payables	(599)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,733,987)
<b>Cash flows provided by financing activities:</b>	
Proceeds from shares issued	6,534,798
Cost of shares redeemed	(4,800,884)
Cash overdraft	73
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,733,987
Net decrease in cash	-
<b>Cash:</b>	
Beginning of period	-
End of period	\$ -

## Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Non-cash financing activities not included herein consist of reinvestment of distributions of \$1,023,881.

Non-cash operating activities included herein include reinvestments of interest income from affiliated issuers of \$100,885.

Amounts designated as “-” are zero or have been rounded to zero.

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# Financial Highlights

Selected data for each share of capital outstanding throughout the periods indicated

## NVIT DFA Moderate Fund

	Operations				Distributions			Ratios/Supplemental Data						
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Income (a)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) from Investments	Total from Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gains	Total Distributions	Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return (b)(c)	Net Assets at End of Period	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (d)(e)	Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets (d)	Ratio of Expenses (Prior to Reimbursements) to Average Net Assets (d)(e)(f)	Portfolio Turnover (b)(g)
Class II Shares	\$11.25	0.21	1.75	1.96	(0.20)	(0.24)	(0.44)	\$12.77	17.51%	\$ 24,770,637	0.64%	1.68%	0.86%	16.72%
	\$12.92	0.21	(1.21)	(1.00)	(0.19)	(0.48)	(0.67)	\$11.25	(7.82%)	\$ 20,279,978	0.64%	1.67%	0.91%	28.44%
	\$11.69	0.16	1.45	1.61	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.38)	\$12.92	13.83%	\$ 15,832,740	0.67%	1.30%	1.01%	50.67%
	\$11.02	0.14	0.83	0.97	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.30)	\$11.69	8.77%	\$ 13,237,100	0.73%	1.23%	1.19%	13.11%
	\$11.57	0.16	(0.37)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.15)	(0.34)	\$11.02	(1.76%)	\$ 11,256,362	0.74%	1.35%	1.31%	7.20%
Class P Shares	\$11.06	0.24	1.71	1.95	(0.22)	(0.24)	(0.46)	\$12.55	17.71%	\$ 5,271,249	0.49%	1.97%	0.71%	16.72%
	\$12.72	0.19	(1.16)	(0.97)	(0.21)	(0.48)	(0.69)	\$11.06	(7.73%)	\$ 3,700,080	0.49%	1.54%	0.76%	28.44%
	\$11.51	0.25	1.35	1.60	(0.18)	(0.21)	(0.39)	\$12.72	14.00%	\$ 4,660,600	0.51%	2.04%	0.85%	50.67%
	\$10.85	0.15	0.82	0.97	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.31)	\$11.51	8.96%	\$ 2,320,860	0.58%	1.35%	1.04%	13.11%
	\$11.41	0.15	(0.35)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.15)	(0.36)	\$10.85	(1.70%)	\$ 2,029,637	0.58%	1.28%	1.16%	7.20%

(a) Per share calculations were performed using average shares method.

(b) Not annualized for periods less than one year.

(c) The total returns do not include charges that are imposed by variable insurance contracts. If these charges were reflected, returns would be lower than those shown.

(d) Annualized for periods less than one year.

(e) Expense ratios are based on the direct expenses of the Fund and do not include the effect of the underlying funds' expenses. For additional information on the underlying funds, please refer to the Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

(f) During the period, certain fees may have been waived and/or reimbursed. If such waivers/reimbursements had not occurred, the ratios would have been as indicated.

(g) Portfolio turnover is calculated on the basis of the Fund as a whole without distinguishing among the classes of shares.

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## 1. Organization

Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust (“NVIT” or the “Trust”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company, organized as a statutory trust under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Trust has authorized an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest (“shares”), without par value. The Trust currently offers shares to life insurance company separate accounts to fund the benefits payable under variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. As of December 31, 2019, the Trust operates sixty-eight (68) separate series, or mutual funds, each with its own objective(s) and investment strategies. This report contains the financial statements and financial highlights for the **NVIT DFA Moderate Fund** (the “Fund”), a series of the Trust. Nationwide Fund Advisors (“NFA”) serves as investment adviser to the Fund. NFA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. (“NFS”), a holding company which is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Nationwide Corporation. Nationwide Corporation, in turn, is owned by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Currently, shares of the Fund are held by separate accounts established by Nationwide Life Insurance Company (“NLIC”), a wholly owned subsidiary of NFS, Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of NLIC, and other unaffiliated insurance companies.

The Fund operates as a “fund-of-funds,” which means that the Fund pursues its objective(s) by allocating its investments primarily among other unaffiliated mutual funds (including exchange traded funds) (together, the “Underlying Funds”), and may have additional investment and concentration risks. The Underlying Funds typically invest in stocks, bonds, and other securities. Each Underlying Fund is a fund sponsored by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP (the “DFA Underlying Funds”). The Fund also invests in an unregistered fixed investment contract (the “Nationwide Contract”) issued by NLIC.

The Fund currently offers Class II and Class P shares. Each share class of the Fund represents interests in the same portfolio of investments of the Fund and the classes are identical except for any differences in distribution or service fees, administrative services fees, class specific expenses, certain voting rights, and class names or designations.

The Fund is a diversified fund, as defined in the 1940 Act.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the accounting and the preparation of its financial statements. The Fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 (“ASC 946”). The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”), including but not limited to ASC 946. The preparation of financial statements requires fund management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses for the period. The Fund utilizes various methods to measure the value of its investments on a recurring basis. Amounts received upon the sale of such investments could differ from estimated values and those differences could be material.

### (a) Security Valuation

U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board of

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Trustees”), NFA assigns a fair value, as defined by U.S. GAAP, to Fund investments in accordance with a hierarchy that prioritizes the various types of inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to readily available unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements) when market prices are not readily available or reliable.

The three levels of the hierarchy are summarized below.

- Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- Level 2 — Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices of 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)

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers into or out of an investment’s assigned level within the hierarchy.

An investment’s categorization within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair valuation in its entirety. The inputs or methodology used to value investments are not intended to indicate the risk associated with investing in those investments.

Shares of the unaffiliated registered open-end Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests are valued at their respective net asset value (“NAV”) as reported by such Underlying Fund and are generally categorized as Level 1 investments within the hierarchy.

The Fund currently invests in the Nationwide Contract. The Nationwide Contract is a fixed interest contract issued by NLIC. The Nationwide Contract has a stable principal value and pays a fixed rate of interest to the Fund, which is currently assessed and may be adjusted on a quarterly basis. If NLIC becomes unable to pay interest or repay principal under the contract, the Fund may lose money. Because the entire contract is issued by NLIC, the financial health of NLIC may have a greater impact on the value of the Fund. NLIC could decide to stop issuing the Nationwide Contract in its current form, and instead offer the Fund a new fixed interest contract (or amend the existing contract). NFA can increase or redeem all or a portion of the Fund’s investment in the Nationwide Contract on a daily basis for any reason without imposition of any sales charge or market value adjustment. Neither the Fund, NFA, NLIC nor any of its affiliates guarantee the Fund’s performance or that the Fund will provide a certain level of income.

The Fund’s portfolio managers believe that the stable nature of the Nationwide Contract may reduce the Fund’s volatility and overall risk, especially during periods when the market values of bonds and other debt securities decline. However, under certain market conditions, such as when the market values of bonds and other debt securities increase, investing in the Nationwide Contract could hamper the Fund’s performance.

The interest credited to each Fund on a daily basis as a result of the investment in the Nationwide Contract. Therefore, the par value represents the summation of the following: (i) prior day’s par value; (ii) prior day’s interest accrued (par multiplied by the current interest rate); and (iii) current day net purchase or redemption. For the period from January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019, the rate was 2.65%. For the period from April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, the rate was 2.60%. For the period from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, the rate was 2.50%. Effective January 1, 2020, the rate will be no less than 0.00% per annum. NLIC may revise the interest rate on the Nationwide Contract at its discretion.

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The following table provides a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of December 31, 2019. Please refer to the Statement of Investments for additional information on portfolio holdings.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Assets:</b>				
Investment Companies	\$25,630,413	\$—	\$ —	\$25,630,413
Investment Contract	—	—	4,453,513	4,453,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,630,413</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$4,453,513</b>	<b>\$30,083,926</b>

Amounts designated as “—” are zero or have been rounded to zero.

The following is a reconciliation of assets for which Level 3 inputs were used in determining fair value:

	Investment Contract	Total
Balance as of 12/31/2018	\$3,693,309	\$3,693,309
Purchases*	1,285,066	1,285,066
Sales	(524,862)	(524,862)
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	—	—
Transfers Into Level 3	—	—
Transfers Out of Level 3	—	—
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$4,453,513	\$4,453,513

Amounts designated as “—” are zero or have been rounded to zero.

\* Purchases include reinvestment of income and realized gain distributions, as applicable.

The following table represents the Fund's Level 3 financial instrument. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of Funds investment in the Nationwide Contract include interest rate and daily transactions value. Significant change in any of these inputs would significantly change the fair value measure of the Nationwide Contract. The interest rate and daily transactions value results in stable valuation of the Nationwide Contract.

Instrument	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range (Weighted Average)*
Nationwide Contract	Cost Analysis	Interest Rate Daily Transactions	2.50% (2.50%) \$1.00 (\$1.00)

\* NFA can increase or redeem all or a portion of the Fund's investment in the Nationwide Contract on a daily basis for any reason without imposition of any sales charge or market value adjustment. The Fund cannot assign or transfer its interest in the Nationwide Contract to any party. If the Fund transferred its interest in the Nationwide Contract, the issuer would terminate the arrangement and pay the Fund the amount of its holding as of the termination date. The Fund or NLIC has the ability to terminate its investment in the Nationwide Contract at its discretion. The Fair Valuation Committee (“FVC”) continues to evaluate any information that could cause an adjustment to the fair value for this investment, such as market news or the credit rating of the issuer.

For additional information about the DFA Underlying Funds' valuation policies, please refer to the DFA Underlying Funds' most recent annual or semiannual report which can be found at [us.dimension.com](http://us.dimension.com).

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## **(b) Cash Overdraft**

As of December 31, 2019, the Fund had an overdrawn balance of \$73 with the Fund's custodian bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan"). To offset the overdraft, JPMorgan advanced an amount equal to the overdraft. Consistent with the Fund's borrowing policy, the advance is deemed a temporary loan to the Fund. Such loan is payable upon demand and bears interest from the date of such advance to the date of payment at the rate agreed upon with JPMorgan under the custody agreement. This advance is separate from, and was not made pursuant to, the credit agreement discussed in Note 5. A Fund with an overdraft is subject to a lien by JPMorgan on the Fund's account and JPMorgan may charge the Fund's account for any amounts owed to JPMorgan. JPMorgan also has the right to set off as appropriate and apply all deposits and credits held by or owing to JPMorgan against such amount, subject to the terms of the custody agreement.

## **(c) Security Transactions and Investment Income**

Security transactions are accounted for on the date the security is purchased or sold. Security gains and losses are calculated on the identified cost basis.

Dividend income received from the Underlying Funds is recognized on the ex-dividend date and is recorded as such on the Statement of Operations. Capital gain distributions received from the Underlying Funds are recognized on the ex-dividend date and are recorded as such on the Statement of Operations. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis and includes, where applicable, the amortization of premiums or accretion of discounts, and is recorded as such on the Statement of Operations.

## **(d) Distributions to Shareholders**

Distributions from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid quarterly. Distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are declared and distributed at least annually. All distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Dividends and distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These "book/tax" differences are considered either permanent or temporary. Permanent differences are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their nature for federal income tax purposes; temporary differences do not require reclassification. The permanent differences as of December 31, 2019 are primarily attributable to redesignation of distributions. Temporary differences arise when certain items of income, gain, or loss are recognized in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes; these differences will reverse at some time in the future. The temporary differences as of December 31, 2019 may primarily be attributable to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and tax straddles, the realization of unrealized gains or losses on certain futures and forward contracts, swap agreements, option contracts, nontaxable dividends, unrealized gains on passive foreign investment companies, affiliated trades loss deferrals, cumulative excess premiums on bonds, significant debt modifications, premiums on callable bonds, book/tax differences on interest-only securities, or interest expense deferred, as applicable. These reclassifications have no effect upon the NAV of the Fund. Any distribution in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits for federal income tax purposes is reported as a return of capital distribution.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund has no reclassifications between capital and total distributable earnings.

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## (e) Federal Income Taxes

The Fund elected to be treated as, and intends to qualify each year as, a “regulated investment company” by complying with the requirements of Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to make distributions of net investment income and net realized capital gains sufficient to relieve the Fund from all, or substantially all, federal income taxes. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

The Fund recognizes a tax benefit from an uncertain position only if it is more likely than not that the position is sustainable, based solely on its technical merits and consideration of the relevant taxing authorities’ widely understood administrative practices and precedents. Each year, the Fund undertakes an affirmative evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing tax returns to determine whether it is more likely than not (i.e., greater than 50 percent) that each tax position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

The Fund files a U.S. federal income tax return and, if applicable, returns in various foreign jurisdictions in which it invests. Generally, a Fund is subject to examinations by such taxing authorities for up to three years after the filing of the return for the tax period.

## (f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Fund defines Cash and Cash Equivalents to include cash, restricted cash, money market funds and other investments held in lieu of cash.

## (g) Allocation of Expenses, Income and Gains and Losses

Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund. Expenses not directly attributable to the Fund are allocated proportionally among various or all series of the Trust. Income, fund level expenses, and realized and unrealized gains or losses are allocated to each class of shares of the Fund based on the value of the outstanding shares of that class relative to the total value of the outstanding shares of the Fund. Expenses specific to a class (such as Rule 12b-1 and administrative services fees) are charged to that specific class.

## 3. Transactions with Affiliates

Under the terms of the Trust’s Investment Advisory Agreement, NFA manages the investment of the assets and supervises the daily business affairs of the Fund in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Trustees.

Under the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays NFA an investment advisory fee based on the Fund’s average daily net assets. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund paid investment advisory fees to NFA according to the schedule below.

Fee Schedule	Advisory Fee (annual rate)
Up to \$500 million	0.17%
\$500 million and more	0.13%

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund’s effective advisory fee rate before expense reimbursements was 0.17%, and after expense reimbursements due to the expense limitation agreement described below was 0.00%.

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The Trust and NFA have entered into a written Expense Limitation Agreement that limits the Fund's operating expenses (excluding any interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and other costs incurred in connection with the purchase and sales of portfolio securities, acquired fund fees and expenses, short sale dividend expenses, Rule 12b-1 fees, fees paid pursuant to an Administrative Services Plan, excludable sub administration fees, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with U.S. GAAP, expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with any merger or reorganization, and other non-routine expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business) from exceeding 0.24% for all share classes until April 30, 2020.

NFA may request and receive reimbursement from the Fund for advisory fees waived or other expenses reimbursed by NFA pursuant to the Expense Limitation Agreement at a date not to exceed three years from the month in which the corresponding waiver or reimbursement to the Fund was made. However, no reimbursement may be made unless: (i) the Fund's assets exceed \$100 million and (ii) the total annual expense ratio of the class making such reimbursement is no higher than the amount of the expense limitation that was in place at the time NFA waived the fees or reimbursed the expenses and does not cause the expense ratio to exceed the current expense limitation. Reimbursement by the Fund of amounts previously waived or reimbursed by NFA is not permitted except as provided for in the Expense Limitation Agreement. The Expense Limitation Agreement may be changed or eliminated only with the consent of the Board of Trustees.

As of December 31, 2019, the cumulative potential reimbursements for the Fund, listed by the year in which NFA waived fees or reimbursed expenses to the Fund are:

<b>Fiscal Year 2017 Amount</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2018 Amount</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019 Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$60,275	\$65,241	\$59,048	\$184,564

During the year ended December 31, 2019, no amount was reimbursed to NFA pursuant to the Expense Limitation Agreement.

Nationwide Fund Management LLC ("NFM"), a wholly owned subsidiary of NFS Distributors, Inc. ("NFSDI") (a wholly owned subsidiary of NFS), provides various administrative and accounting services for the Fund, and serves as Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent for the Fund. NFM has entered into agreements with third-party service providers to provide certain sub-administration and sub-transfer agency services to the Fund. NFM pays the service providers a fee for these services.

Under the terms of a Joint Fund Administration and Transfer Agency Agreement, the fees for such services are based on the sum of the following: (i) the amount payable by NFM to its sub-administrator and sub-transfer agent; and (ii) a percentage of the combined average daily net assets of the Trust and Nationwide Mutual Funds ("NMF"), a Delaware statutory trust and registered investment company that is affiliated with the Trust, according to the fee schedule below.

## **Combined Fee Schedule**

Up to \$25 billion	0.025%
\$25 billion and more	0.020%

During the year ended December 31, 2019, NFM earned \$46,734 in fees from the Fund under the Joint Fund Administration and Transfer Agency Agreement.

In addition, the Trust pays out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by NFM in providing services to the Fund and the Trust, including, but not limited to, the cost of pricing services that NFM utilizes.



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Under the terms of the Joint Fund Administration and Transfer Agency Agreement and a letter agreement between NFM and the Trust, the Trust has agreed to reimburse NFM for certain costs related to the Fund's portion of ongoing administration, monitoring and annual (compliance audit) testing of the Trust's Rule 38a-1 Compliance Program subject to the pre-approval of the Trust's Audit Committee. These costs are allocated among the series of the Trust based upon their relative net assets. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund's portion of such costs amounted to \$116.

Under the terms of a Distribution Plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, Nationwide Fund Distributors LLC ("NFD"), the Fund's principal underwriter, is compensated by the Fund for expenses associated with the distribution of certain classes of shares of the Fund. NFD is a wholly owned subsidiary of NFSDI. These fees are based on average daily net assets of the respective class of the Fund at an annual rate of 0.25% for Class II and Class P shares of the Fund.

Under the terms of an Administrative Services Plan, the Fund pays fees to servicing organizations, such as broker-dealers, including NFS, and financial institutions, that agree to provide administrative support services to the shareholders of certain classes. These services may include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) establishing and maintaining shareholder accounts; (ii) processing purchase and redemption transactions; (iii) arranging bank wires; (iv) performing shareholder sub-accounting; (v) answering inquiries regarding the Fund; and (vi) other such services. These fees are calculated at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class II shares of the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the effective rate for administrative services fees was 0.15% for Class II shares, for a total amount of \$34,255.

## 4. Investment in Affiliated Issuers

The Fund invests in the Nationwide Contract, which is an affiliate of the Fund. The Fund's transactions in the shares of the Nationwide Contract during the year ended December 31, 2019 were as follows:

Security Description	Shares/ Principal at December 31, 2019	Market Value December 31, 2018 (\$)	Purchases at Cost* (\$)	Proceeds from Sales (\$)	Net Realized Gains (Losses) (\$)	Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation (\$)	Market Value December 31, 2019 (\$)	Dividend/ Interest Income (\$)	Capital Gain Distributions (\$)
Nationwide Contract <sup>∞(a)</sup>	\$4,453,513	3,693,309	1,285,066	(524,862)	—	—	4,453,513	100,885	—

Amounts designated as "—" are zero or have been rounded to zero.

\* Purchases include reinvestment of income and realized gain distributions, as applicable.

^ Value determined using significant unobservable inputs.

∞ Fair valued security.

(a) The Nationwide Contract is issued by Nationwide Life Insurance Company. The interest rate is assessed and may change quarterly. The security is restricted and has been deemed liquid pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. The liquidity determination is unaudited. Please refer to Note 2(a) for additional information on the contract.

## 5. Line of Credit and Interfund Lending

The Trust and NMF (together, the "Trusts") have entered into a credit agreement with JPMorgan, The Bank of New York Mellon, and Wells Fargo Bank National Association (the "Lenders"), permitting the Trusts, in aggregate, to borrow up to \$100,000,000. Advances taken by a Fund under this arrangement would be primarily for temporary or emergency purposes, including the meeting of redemption requests that otherwise might require the untimely disposition of securities,

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and are subject to the Fund's borrowing restrictions. The line of credit requires a commitment fee of 0.15% per year on \$100,000,000. Such commitment fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last business day of each March, June, September and December and on the termination date. Borrowings under this arrangement accrue interest at a rate of 1.00% per annum plus the higher of (a) the one month London Interbank Offered Rate or (b) the Federal Funds Rate. Interest costs, if any, would be shown on the Statement of Operations. No compensating balances are required under the terms of the line of credit. In addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, each Lender has the right, upon any amount becoming due and payable by the Fund, to set-off as appropriate and apply all deposits and credits held by or owing to such Lender against such amount, subject to the terms of the credit agreement. The line of credit is renewed annually, and next expires on July 9, 2020. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund had no borrowings under the line of credit.

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (the "Order"), the Fund may participate in an interfund lending program among Funds managed by NFA. The program allows the participating Funds to borrow money from and loan money to each other for temporary purposes, subject to the conditions in the Order. A loan can only be made through the program if the interfund loan rate on that day is more favorable to both the borrowing and lending Funds as compared to rates available through short-term bank loans or investments in overnight repurchase agreements and money market funds, respectively, as detailed in the Order. Further, a Fund may participate in the program only if and to the extent that such participation is consistent with its investment objectives and limitations. Interfund loans have a maximum duration of seven days and may be called on one business day's notice. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund did not engage in interfund lending.

## 6. Investment Transactions

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund had purchases of \$6,952,699 and sales of \$4,510,383 (excluding short-term securities). Purchases include reinvestment of income and realized gain distributions, as applicable.

## 7. Portfolio Investment Risks from Underlying Funds

The Underlying Funds in which the Fund invests may apply any of a variety of investment strategies and may invest in a broad range of asset classes, securities and other investments to attempt to achieve their designated investment goals. The foregoing is not intended to be a complete discussion of all risks associated with the investment strategies of the Fund. Information about DFA Underlying Fund risks may be found in such DFA Underlying Fund's annual or semiannual report to shareholders which can be found at [us.dimensions.com](http://us.dimensions.com). Additional information about derivatives-related risks, if applicable to the Fund, may also be found in each such DFA Underlying Fund's annual or semiannual report to shareholders.

## 8. Indemnifications

Under the Trust's organizational documents, the Trust's Officers and Trustees are indemnified by the Trust against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. In addition, the Trust has entered into indemnification agreements with its Trustees and certain of its Officers. Trust Officers receive no compensation from the Trust for serving as its Officers. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Trust enters into contracts with its vendors and others that provide for general indemnifications. The Trust's maximum liability under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims made against the Trust. Based on experience, however, the Trust expects the risk of loss to be remote.



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## 9. New Accounting Pronouncements and Other Matters

In March 2017, FASB issued ASU 2017-08, "Receivables — Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs (Subtopic 310-20): Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities." ASU 2017-08 shortens the amortization period for certain callable debt securities, held at a premium, to be amortized to the earliest call date rather than the contractual maturity date. The Fund adopted and applied ASU 2017-08 on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment as of January 1, 2019. As a result of the adoption of ASU 2017-08, as of January 1, 2019, for Funds with in-scope securities, the amortized cost basis of investments was reduced and unrealized appreciation of investments was increased, but there was no impact on net assets or overall results from operations.

The Fund is a shareholder of its Underlying Funds. The Underlying Funds do not charge the Fund any sales charge for buying or selling Underlying Fund shares. However, the Fund indirectly pays a portion of the operating expenses of each Underlying Fund in which it invests, including management, administration and custodian fees of the Underlying Funds. These expenses are deducted from each Underlying Fund's net assets before its share price is calculated and are in addition to the fees and expenses of the Fund. Actual indirect expenses vary depending on how the Fund's assets are allocated among the Underlying Funds.

## 10. Federal Tax Information

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2019 was as follows:

Distributions paid from		Total Taxable Distributions	Return of Capital	Total Distributions Paid
Ordinary Income*	Net Long-Term Capital Gains			
\$472,629	\$551,252	\$1,023,881	\$—	\$1,023,881

Amounts designated as "—" are zero or have been rounded to zero.

\* Ordinary Income amounts include taxable market discount and net short-term capital gains, if any.

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

Distributions paid from		Total Taxable Distributions	Return of Capital	Total Distributions Paid
Ordinary Income*	Net Long-Term Capital Gains			
\$401,093	\$976,143	\$1,377,236	\$—	\$1,377,236

Amounts designated as "—" are zero or have been rounded to zero.

\* Ordinary income amounts include net short-term capital gains, if any.

As of December 31, 2019, the components of accumulated earnings/(deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income	Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains	Accumulated Earnings	Accumulated Capital and Other Losses	Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)*	Total Accumulated Earnings (Deficit)
\$1,514	\$189,595	\$191,109	\$—	\$1,862,928	\$2,054,037

Amounts designated as "—" are zero or have been rounded to zero.

\* The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) is primarily attributable to timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions.

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As of December 31, 2019 the tax cost of investments and the breakdown of unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation) was as follows:

<b>Tax Cost of Investments</b>	<b>Unrealized Appreciation</b>	<b>Unrealized Depreciation</b>	<b>Net Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)</b>
\$28,220,998	\$1,868,152	\$(5,224)	\$1,862,928

## 11. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the impact of subsequent events on the Fund and has determined that there are no subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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December 31, 2019

## To the Board of Trustees of Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust and Shareholders of NVIT DFA Moderate Fund

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, of NVIT DFA Moderate Fund (one of the series constituting Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust, referred to hereafter as the “Fund”) as of December 31, 2019, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2019, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2019, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2019 (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2019, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2019 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2019 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2019 by correspondence with the transfer agent and Nationwide Contract issuer. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**February 18, 2020**

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies of Nationwide Funds, which includes the investment companies of Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust, since 1997.

# Supplemental Information

December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

## NVIT DFA Capital Appreciation Fund NVIT DFA Moderate Fund

### Continuation of Advisory Agreements

The Trust's investment advisory agreements with its Investment Adviser (the "Adviser") (the "Advisory Agreements") must be approved for each series of the Trust (individually a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") for an initial term no greater than two years, and may continue in effect thereafter only if such continuation is approved at least annually, (i) by the vote of the Trustees or by a vote of the shareholders of the Fund in question, and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Advisory Agreements or "interested persons" of any party thereto (the "Independent Trustees"), cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval.

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") has five regularly scheduled meetings each year and takes into account throughout the year matters bearing on the Advisory Agreements. The Board and its standing committees consider at each meeting factors that are relevant to the annual continuation of each Fund's Advisory Agreement, including investment performance, reports with respect to compliance monitoring and the services and support provided to the Fund and its shareholders.

In preparation for the Board's meetings in 2019 to consider the continuation of the Advisory Agreements, the Trustees requested and were furnished with a wide range of information to assist in their deliberations. These materials included:

- A summary report for each Fund that sets out a variety of information regarding the Fund, including performance, expense, and profitability information for the past three years.
- Reports from Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), a leading independent source of mutual fund industry data, describing, on a Fund-by-Fund basis, for each Fund's largest share class, the Fund's

(a) performance rankings (over multiple periods ended June 30, 2019) compared with performance universes created by Broadridge of similar or peer group funds, and (b) expense rankings comparing the Fund's fees and expenses with expense universes created by Broadridge of similar or peer group funds (a "Broadridge expense group"). An independent consultant retained by the Board provided input to Broadridge as to the composition of the various performance and expense universes and peer funds.

- Information regarding voluntary or contractual expense limitations or reductions and the relationship of expenses to any expense limitation.
- Information provided by the Adviser as to the Adviser's profitability in providing services under the Advisory Agreements.
- Information from the Adviser regarding economies of scale and breakpoints, including information provided by the Adviser as to the circumstances under which specific actions intended to share the benefits of economies of scale might be appropriate.

The Trustees met in person with independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees ("Independent Legal Counsel") in October, and telephonically in November, to review information and materials provided to them, and to formulate requests for additional information. The Trustees submitted supplemental information requests to the Adviser following each meeting.

At the Trustees' regular quarterly meeting in December 2019, the Trustees met to give final consideration to information bearing on the continuation of the Advisory Agreements. The Trustees met in person with the Adviser, Trust counsel, and Independent Legal Counsel. At that meeting, representatives of the Adviser made a number of presentations to the Trustees in response to questions previously submitted to the Adviser by the Trustees, and provided additional information. The Trustees

## Supplemental Information (Continued)

December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

considered, among other things, information provided by the Adviser in response to their previous information requests. The Trustees engaged in discussion and consideration among themselves, and with the Adviser, Trust counsel, and Independent Legal Counsel, including during an executive session with Independent Legal Counsel, regarding the various factors that may contribute to the determination of whether the continuation of the Advisory Agreements should be approved.

In considering this information with respect to each of the Funds, the Trustees took into account, among other things, the nature, extent, and quality of services provided by the Adviser. In evaluating the Advisory Agreements for the Funds, the Trustees also reviewed information provided by the Adviser concerning the following:

- The terms of the Advisory Agreements and a summary of the services performed by the Adviser.
- The investment advisory and oversight capabilities of the Adviser, including, among other things, its expertise in investment, economic, financial analysis, and its asset allocation methodology.
- The Adviser's personnel and methods; the number of the Adviser's advisory and analytical personnel; general information about the compensation of the Adviser's advisory personnel; the Adviser's investment process; the Adviser's risk assessment and risk management capabilities; and the Adviser's valuation and valuation oversight capabilities.
- The financial condition and stability of the Adviser.
- Potential ancillary benefits, in addition to fees for serving as investment adviser, derived by the Adviser as a result of being investment adviser for the Funds, including, where applicable, information on fees inuring to the Adviser's affiliates for serving as the Trust's administrator, fund accountant, and transfer agent and fees or other payments relating to shareholder servicing or sub-transfer agency

services provided by or through the Adviser or its affiliates.

Based on information provided by Broadridge and the Adviser, the Trustees noted that the actual management fee paid by NVIT DFA Moderate Fund was shown to be lower than its peer group median and that NVIT DFA Capital Appreciation Fund was shown to pay actual management fees higher than its peer group median, but within an acceptable range of its peer median. The Trustees considered that the total expense ratio of each Fund was at a level lower than the median of its peer funds and within the first quintile. The Trustees considered that each Fund had experienced three-year performance substantially below the median of its peers. The Trustees considered the Adviser's statement that each Fund's relative performance had been adversely affected by greater allocations to smaller-capitalization stocks and value stocks than many of its peers. The Trustees also considered the Adviser's statements that the NVIT DFA Capital Appreciation Fund's relative performance had been adversely affected by its allocation to international stocks and that the NVIT DFA Moderate Fund's performance had been adversely affected by the Fund's smaller allocation to equity securities than many of its peers. The Trustees also considered the Adviser's statements that it was preparing a recommendation regarding steps to be taken in light of the long-term underperformance of the Funds for a future meeting of the Board. In light of these various factors, the Trustees determined to continue the advisory arrangements.

The Trustees also considered whether the Funds may benefit from any economies of scale realized by the Adviser in the event of growth in assets of each Fund. The Trustees noted that both of the Funds' advisory fee rate schedules are subject to contractual advisory fee breakpoints.

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Based on all relevant information and factors, the Trustees unanimously approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreements at their in-person meeting in December 2019.

# Supplemental Information (Continued)

December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

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## Other Federal Tax Information

For the year ended December 31, 2019, certain dividends paid by the Fund may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 20% as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund intends to designate the maximum amount allowable as taxed at a maximum rate of 15%. Complete information will be reported in conjunction with your 2019 Form 1099-DIV.

For the taxable year ended December 31, 2019, the percentage of income dividends paid by the Fund that qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporations is 40.86%.

The Fund designates \$551,252, or the maximum amount allowable under the Internal Revenue Code, as long term capital gain distributions qualifying for the maximum 20% income tax rate for individuals.

The Fund has derived net income from sources within foreign countries. As of December 31, 2019, the foreign source income for the Fund was \$128,778 or \$0.0546 per outstanding share.

The Fund intends to elect to pass through to shareholders the income tax credit for taxes paid to foreign countries. As of December 31, 2019, the foreign tax credit for the Fund was \$12,377 or \$0.0052 per outstanding share.

# Management Information

December 31, 2019

Each Trustee who is deemed an “interested person,” as such term is defined in the 1940 Act, is referred to as an “Interested Trustee.” Those Trustees who are not “interested persons,” as such term is defined in the 1940 Act, are referred to as “Independent Trustees.” The name, year of birth, position and length of time served with the Trust, number of portfolios overseen, principal occupation(s) and other directorships/trusteeships held during the past five years, and additional information related to experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills of each Trustee and Officer are shown below. There are 69 series of the Trust, all of which are overseen by the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Trust. The address for each Trustee and Officer is c/o Nationwide Funds Group, One Nationwide Plaza, Mail Code 5-02-210, Columbus, OH 43215.

## Independent Trustees

<b>Charles E. Allen</b>		
Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1948	Trustee since July 2000	119
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> Retired. Mr. Allen was Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Graimark Realty Advisors, Inc. (real estate development, investment and asset management) from its founding in 1987 to 2014.		
<b>Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup></b> Director of the Auto Club Group, an American Automobile Club Federated member that has 9.5 million members located throughout the Midwest and in the states of Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.		
<b>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership</b> Significant board experience; significant executive experience, including past service as chief executive officer and president of a real estate development, investment and asset management business; past service includes 18 years of financial services experience and experience with audit committee oversight matters.		
<b>Paula H. J. Cholmondeley</b>		
Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1947	Trustee since July 2000	119
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> Ms. Cholmondeley focuses full time on corporate governance. She sits on public company boards and is also on the faculty of the National Association of Corporate Directors. She has served as a Chief Executive Officer of Sorrel Group (management consulting company) since January 2004. From April 2000 through December 2003, Ms. Cholmondeley was Vice President and General Manager of Sappi Fine Paper North America.		
<b>Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup></b> Director of Dentsply International, Inc. (dental products) from 2002 to 2015, Terex Corporation (construction equipment) from 2004 to present, Minerals Technology, Inc. (specialty chemicals) from 2005 to 2014, Bank of the Ozarks, from 2016 to present, and Kapstone Paper and Packaging Corporation from 2016 to 2018.		
<b>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership</b> Significant board and governance experience; significant executive experience, including continuing service as chief executive officer of a management consulting company and past service as an executive of a manufacturing-based public company; past experience as an executive in a private service-based company; former certified public accountant and former chief financial officer of both public and private companies.		
<b>Phyllis Kay Dryden</b>		
Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1947	Trustee since December 2004	119



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## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Ms. Dryden became CEO and President of Energy Dispute Solutions, LLC in December 2012, and since 2016 has acted as CEO, leading a company providing strategy consulting, arbitration and mediation services. She has been a management consultant since 1996, first as a partner of Mitchell Madison Group (management consulting), then as a managing partner and head of west coast business development for marchFIRST (internet consulting), returning to Mitchell Madison Group in 2003 as an associated partner until January 2010 and thereafter as an independent strategy consultant through December 2012. Ms. Dryden was VP and General Counsel of Lucasfilm, Ltd. from 1981 to 1984, SVP and General Counsel of Charles Schwab and Co. Inc. from 1984 to 1992, and EVP and General Counsel of Del Monte Foods from 1992 to 1995. She presently serves as chairman of the board of Mutual Fund Directors Forum.

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup>

Director of Smithsonian Environmental Board from 2016 to present, and Director of Smithsonian Institution Libraries Board from 2007 to 2015.

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive, management consulting, and legal experience, including past service as general counsel for a major financial services firm and a public company.

## Barbara I. Jacobs

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1950	Trustee since December 2004	119

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Retired. Ms. Jacobs served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of KICAP Network Fund, a European (United Kingdom) hedge fund, from January 2001 through January 2006. From 1988 through 2003, Ms. Jacobs also was a Managing Director and European Portfolio Manager of CREF Investments (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association—College Retirement Equities Fund).

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup>

Trustee and Board Chair of Project Lede from 2013 to present and Trustee of the Huntington's Disease Society of America until 2015.

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive and portfolio management experience in the investment management industry.

## Keith F. Karlawish

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1964	Trustee since March 2012	119

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Karlawish has been a partner of Park Ridge Asset Management, LLC since December 2008, at which he also serves as a portfolio manager. From May 2002 until October 2008, Mr. Karlawish was the President of BB&T Asset Management, Inc., and was President of the BB&T Mutual Funds and BB&T Variable Insurance Funds from February 2005 until October 2008.

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years (or Longer)<sup>2</sup>

None

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive experience, including past service at a large asset management company; significant experience in the investment management industry.

## Carol A. Kosel

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1963	Trustee since March 2013	119



# Management Information (Continued)

December 31, 2019

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Retired. Ms. Kosel was a consultant to the Evergreen Funds Board of Trustees from October 2005 to December 2007. She was Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Head of Fund Administration of the Evergreen Funds from April 1997 to October 2005.

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years (or Longer)<sup>2</sup>

None

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive experience, including past service at a large asset management company; significant experience in the investment management industry.

## Douglas F. Kridler

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1955	Trustee since September 1997	119

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Since 2002, Mr. Kridler has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Columbus Foundation, a \$1.5 billion community foundation with 2,000 funds in 55 Ohio counties and 37 states in the U.S.

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup>

None

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive experience, including service as president and chief executive officer of one of America's largest community foundations; significant service to his community and the philanthropic field in numerous leadership roles.

## David C. Wetmore

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1948	Trustee since January 1995; Chairman since February 2005	119

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Retired; private investor. Mr. Wetmore was a Managing Director of Udata Capital, Inc. (a technology-oriented investment banking and venture capital firm) from 1995 through 2000. Prior to 1995, Mr. Wetmore served as the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of several publicly held software and services companies, and as the managing partner of a "big 8" public accounting firm.

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup>

Director and Chairman of the Board of Grange Mutual Insurance Cos. from 1993 to present and Treasurer of Community Foundation of the Low Country from 2016 to present.

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive experience, including past service as a managing director of an investment banking and venture capital firm; chief executive officer and/or Chairman of the Board of several publicly owned companies; certified public accountant with significant accounting experience, including past service as a managing partner at a major accounting firm.

## Interested Trustee

## M. Diane Koken<sup>3</sup>

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>	Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex
1952	Trustee since April 2019	119

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## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Self-employed as a legal/regulatory consultant since 2007. Ms. Koken served as Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, for three governors, from 1997-2007, and as the President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) from September 2004 to December 2005. Prior to becoming Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, she held multiple legal roles, including vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of a national life insurance company.

## Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years (or Longer)<sup>2</sup>

Director of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company 2007-present, Director of Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company 2007-present, Director of Nationwide Corporation 2007-present, Director of Capital BlueCross 2011-present, Director of NORCAL Mutual Insurance Company 2009-present, Director of Medicus Insurance Company 2009-present, Director of Hershey Trust Company 2015-present, Manager of Milton Hershey School Board of Managers 2015-present, Director and Chair of Hershey Foundation 2016-present, and Director of The Hershey Company 2017-present.

## Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership

Significant board experience; significant executive, management consulting, legal and regulatory experience, including past service as a cabinet-level state insurance commissioner and general counsel of a national life insurance company.

<sup>1</sup> Length of time served includes time served with the Trust's predecessors.

<sup>2</sup> Directorships held in: (1) any other investment companies registered under the 1940 Act, (2) any company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or (3) any company subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

<sup>3</sup> Ms. Koken is considered an interested person of the Trust because she is a Director of the parent company of, and several affiliates of, the Trust's investment adviser and distributor.

## Officers of the Trust

### Michael S. Spangler

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1966	President, Chief Executive Officer and Principal Executive Officer since June 2008

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Spangler is President and Chief Executive Officer of Nationwide Funds Group, which includes NFA, Nationwide Fund Management LLC and Nationwide Fund Distributors LLC, and is a Senior Vice President of Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup>

### Joseph Finelli

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1957	Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer since September 2007; Vice President since December 2015

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Finelli is the Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer of Nationwide Funds Group and an Associate Vice President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup>

### Brian Hirsch

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1956	Chief Compliance Officer since January 2012; Senior Vice President since December 2015

# Management Information (Continued)

December 31, 2019

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Hirsch is Vice President of NFA and Chief Compliance Officer of NFA and the Trust. He is also a Vice President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup>

## Stephen R. Rimes

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1970	Secretary, Vice President and Associate General Counsel since December 2019

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Rimes is Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Secretary for Nationwide Funds Group, and Vice President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup> He previously served as Assistant General Counsel for Invesco from 2000-2019.

## Lee T. Cummings

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1963	Senior Vice President, Head of Fund Operations since December 2015

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Cummings is Senior Vice President and Head of Fund Operations of Nationwide Funds Group, and is a Vice President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup>

## Timothy M. Rooney

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1965	Vice President, Head of Product Development and Acquisitions since December 2015

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Rooney is Vice President, Head of Product Development and Acquisitions for Nationwide Funds Group, and is a Vice President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup>

## Christopher C. Graham

Year of Birth	Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served <sup>1</sup>
1971	Senior Vice President, Head of Investment Strategies, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager since September 2016

## Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)

Mr. Graham is Senior Vice President, Head of Investment Strategies and Portfolio Manager for the Nationwide Funds Group, and is a Vice President of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Length of time served includes time served with the Trust's predecessors.

<sup>2</sup> These positions are held with an affiliated person or principal underwriter of the Fund.

**Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index:** An unmanaged index comprising fixed-rate and floating-rate U.S. dollar-denominated bonds from sovereign, quasi-sovereign and corporate emerging market issuers; the countries considered to be emerging markets are determined by annual review using rules-based classifications from the World Bank income group and the International Monetary Fund.

**Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index:** An unmanaged index that covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, long-term, tax-exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and pre-refunded bonds.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 10-20 Year Treasury Bond Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of U.S. Treasury securities with a remaining maturity of 10 to 20 years.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 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).

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of high-yield corporate bonds, with a maximum allocation of 2% to any one issuer.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds with at least \$150 million par value outstanding, a maximum credit rating of Ba1 and a remaining maturity of one year or more; gives a broad look at how high-yield ("junk") bonds have performed.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond 1-3 Year Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of the non-securitized component of the U.S. Aggregate Bond Index with maturities of 1 to 3 years, including Treasuries, government-related issues and corporates.

**Bloomberg Barclays Mortgage-Backed Securities Index:** A market value-weighted index comprising agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities of the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) with a minimum \$150 million par amount outstanding and a weighted-average maturity of at least 1 year.

**Citigroup Non-US Dollar World Government Bond Index (Citigroup WGBI Non-US):** An unmanaged, market capitalization-weighted index that reflects the performance of fixed-rate investment-grade sovereign bonds with remaining maturities of one year or more issued outside the United States; generally considered to be representative of the world bond market.

**Citigroup US Broad Investment-Grade Bond Index (USBIG®):** An unmanaged, market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated bonds issued in the U.S. investment-grade bond market; includes fixed-rate, U.S. Treasury, government-sponsored, collateralized and corporate debt with remaining maturities of one year or more.

**Citigroup US High-Yield Market Index:** An unmanaged, market capitalization-weighted index that reflects the performance of the North American high-yield market; includes U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate,

cash-pay and deferred-interest securities with remaining maturities of one year or more, issued by corporations domiciled in the United States or Canada.

**Citigroup World Government Bond Index (WGBI) (Unhedged):** An unmanaged, market capitalization-weighted index that is not hedged back to the U.S. dollar and reflects the performance of the global sovereign fixed-income market; includes local currency, investment-grade, fixed-rate sovereign bonds issued in 20-plus countries, with remaining maturities of one year or more.

#### Note about Citigroup Indexes

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**Dow Jones U.S. Select Real Estate Securities Index<sup>SM</sup> (RESI):** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of publicly traded securities of U.S.-traded real estate operating companies (REOCs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs).

**FTSE World ex US Index:** An unmanaged, broad-based, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of large-cap and mid-cap stocks in developed and advanced emerging countries, excluding the United States.

**FTSE World Index:** An unmanaged, broad-based, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of large-cap and mid-cap stocks in developed and advanced emerging countries, including the United States.

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**ICE BofA Merrill Lynch AAA U.S. Treasury/Agency Master Index:** An unmanaged index that gives a broad look at how fixed-rate U.S. government bonds with a remaining maturity of at least one year have performed.

**ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Current 5-Year US Treasury Index:** An unmanaged, one-security index, rebalanced monthly, that measures the performance of the most recently issued 5-year U.S. Treasury note; a qualifying note is one auctioned on or before the third business day prior to the final business day of a month.

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**iMoneyNet Money Fund Average<sup>TM</sup> Government All:** An average of government money market funds. Government money market funds may invest in U.S. Treasuries, U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and government-backed floating rate notes, and include both retail and institutional funds.

**JPM Emerging Market Bond Index (EMBI):** An unmanaged index that reflects the total returns of U.S. dollar-denominated sovereign bonds issued by emerging market countries as selected by JPMorgan.

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