

## Annual Report

December 31, 2019

# NVIT Nationwide 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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NVIT Funds are not sold to individual investors. These investment options are underlying subaccounts and cannot be purchased directly by the public. They are only available through variable products issued by life insurance companies.

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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 Nationwide Fund (Class I) returned 29.31%\* versus 31.49% for its benchmark, the S&P 500® Index (S&P 500). For broader comparison, the median return for the Fund's Morningstar® peer category, Large Blend (consisting of 289 funds as of December 31, 2019), was 30.66% for the same period. Performance for the Fund's other share classes versus its benchmark is stated in the Average Annual Total Return chart in this report's Fund Performance section.

While the accommodative Federal Reserve (Fed) rhetoric bolstered U.S. equity markets in 2019, trade war concerns as well as political uncertainty caused market whipsaw at various points. At the December 2018 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, policymakers voted unanimously for a fourth rate hike this year and projected additional tightening in 2019, which was received poorly by markets and caused equities to extend their losses while credit spreads widened. Since the start of 2019, however, the Fed acknowledged that its former hawkishness may no longer be justified and decided to leave policy on hold.

Given the downgraded projection for rate hikes over 2019, as well as an announcement from the Fed that it would end its balance sheet run-off at the end of September 2019, U.S. equities performed well in the first quarter of 2019. Trade tensions between the United States and China lingered as the two sides agreed to a "truce" while negotiations took place. Early in the second quarter, news reports indicated that U.S.-China trade talks were proceeding positively, with only a few points remaining to iron out in an eventual deal. However, trade talks broke down suddenly in early May, as President Trump accused the Chinese of reneging on previously agreed items, and he proceeded to announce tariffs would increase from 10% to 25% on \$200 billion worth of Chinese exports. This unexpected setback had a negative impact on equity markets; yet, U.S. equities outperformed over the quarter, boosted by better-than-expected earnings reports, stronger-than-expected gross domestic product (GDP) growth data and the more-dovish-than-expected Fed.

The U.S.-China trade dispute remained a key focus for financial markets in the third quarter. In August, President Trump announced that the United States would impose tariffs on essentially all Chinese imports not subject to prior rounds of tariffs, prompting the announcement of retaliatory measures from China. Additionally, U.S. equities were weighed down by a less-dovish-than-expected Fed and increased political uncertainty after the announcement of an impeachment inquiry into Trump. In the fourth quarter, U.S. equities benefited from better-than-expected earnings reports, notably from technology companies, and reports of strong online sales around the holiday season. U.S. equities also were boosted by a more accommodative Fed. In October 2019, the Federal Reserve delivered its third 0.25% rate cut of the year but signaled that further near-term easing was unlikely.

The Fund employs a diverse set of fundamental inputs and applies them in a disciplined and systematic manner. Importantly, AQR's investment process is systematic in that our models and portfolio construction process drive the buying and selling of securities. As a reminder, the Fund pursues a defensive investment style, meaning it seeks to participate in rising equity markets while mitigating downside risk in declining markets. In other words, the Fund expects to lag U.S. equities when markets are rising but outperform during equity drawdowns. The Fund seeks to identify companies with low overall macroeconomic risk, stable profitability and healthy balance sheets. We expect the Fund to deliver long-term returns similar to those of the Russell 1000® Index with a significant reduction in volatility.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark by nearly 2.2% over the reporting period. Both stock selection within sectors and sector selection detracted from excess returns. Stock selection within Information Technology was the largest detractor. Stock selection within Consumer Discretionary contributed, though not enough to offset results from other sectors. Within sector selection, the main detractors were an underweight position to Information Technology and an overweight in Utilities.

Fund performance was captured through equities and equity index futures. Derivatives performed as expected and allowed the Fund to gain exposure to the equity market.

**Subadviser:**

AQR Capital Management, LLC

**Portfolio Managers:**

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Jacques A. Friedman

\*High double-digit returns are unusual and cannot be sustained.

The Fund is subject to the risks of investing in equity securities. The Fund also is subject to the risks of investing in foreign securities (which are volatile, harder to price and less liquid than U.S. securities). The Fund may invest in more-aggressive investments such as derivatives (many of which create investment leverage and are highly volatile). Please refer to the most recent prospectus for a more detailed explanation of the Fund's principal risks.

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>**

Common Stocks	98.3%
Repurchase Agreements	1.4%
Future Contracts <sup>†</sup>	0.0%
Other assets in excess of liabilities	0.3%
	100.0%

**Top Industries<sup>2</sup>**

Insurance	8.2%
IT Services	7.1%
Electric Utilities	5.9%
Software	5.2%
Multi-Utilities	4.7%
Pharmaceuticals	4.3%
Banks	4.1%
Food & Staples Retailing	3.6%
Health Care Providers & Services	3.3%
Specialty Retail	2.8%
Other Industries <sup>#</sup>	50.8%
	100.0%

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

Adobe, Inc.	1.6%
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	1.6%
Mastercard, Inc., Class A	1.6%
Microsoft Corp.	1.5%
Johnson & Johnson	1.5%
NextEra Energy, Inc.	1.5%
Visa, Inc., Class A	1.5%
Procter & Gamble Co. (The)	1.5%
Alphabet, Inc., Class A	1.5%
PepsiCo, Inc.	1.4%
Other Holdings <sup>#</sup>	84.8%
	100.0%

<sup>†</sup> Amount rounds to less than 0.1%.

<sup>#</sup> For purposes of listing top industries and top holdings, the repurchase agreements are included as part of Other.

<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 periods ended December 31, 2019)

	1 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.
Class I	29.31%	11.87%	12.87%
Class II	29.02%	11.60%	12.60%
Class IV	29.34%	11.87%	12.88%
S&P 500® Index	31.49%	11.70%	13.56%

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

**Expense Ratios**

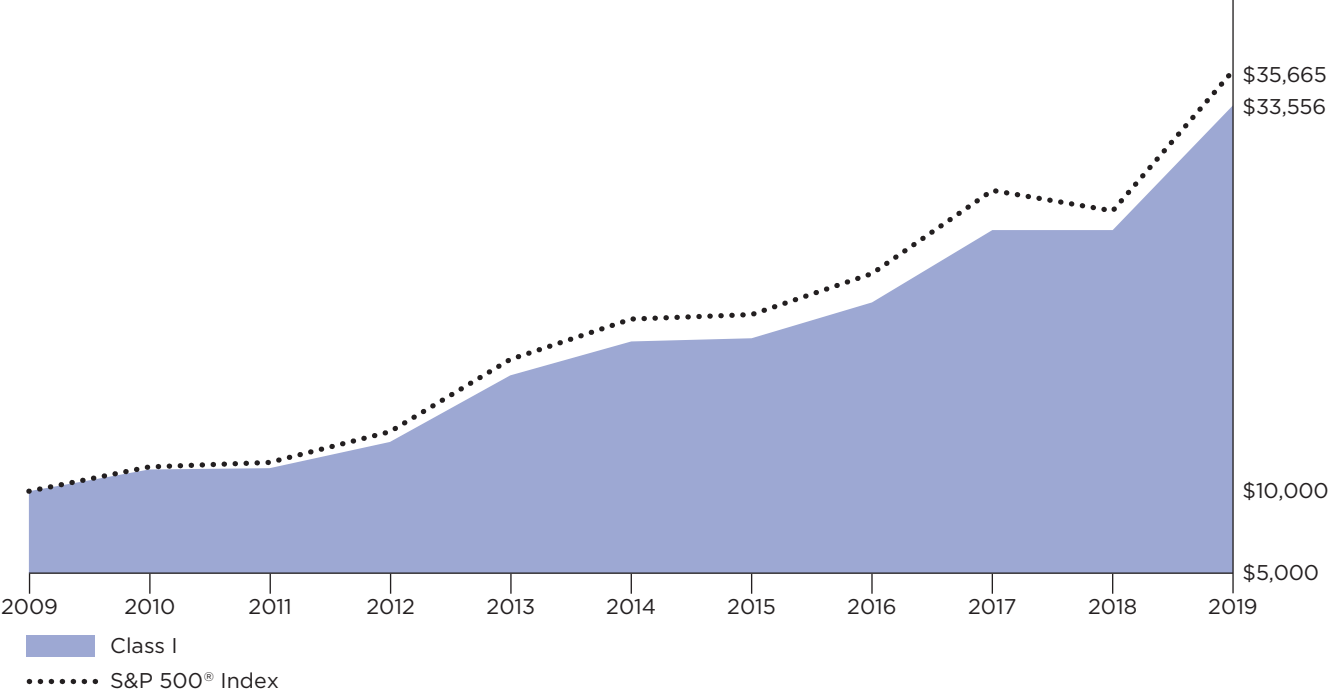
	Expense Ratio <sup>^</sup>
Class I	0.79%
Class II	1.04%
Class IV	0.79%

<sup>^</sup> Current effective prospectus dated April 30, 2019. 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 I shares of the NVIT Nationwide Fund versus performance of the S&P 500® Index over the 10-year period ended 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.

### 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.

### Schedule of Shareholder Expenses

Expense Analysis of a \$1,000 Investment

NVIT Nationwide Fund December 31, 2019		Beginning Account Value (\$) 7/1/19	Ending Account Value (\$) 12/31/19	Expenses Paid During Period (\$) 7/1/19 - 12/31/19	Expense Ratio During Period (%) 7/1/19 - 12/31/19 <sup>(a)</sup>
Class I Shares	Actual <sup>(b)</sup>	1,000.00	1,080.40	4.14	0.79
	Hypothetical <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	1,000.00	1,021.22	4.02	0.79
Class II Shares	Actual <sup>(b)</sup>	1,000.00	1,079.30	5.45	1.04
	Hypothetical <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	1,000.00	1,019.96	5.30	1.04
Class IV Shares	Actual <sup>(b)</sup>	1,000.00	1,080.60	4.14	0.79
	Hypothetical <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	1,000.00	1,021.22	4.02	0.79

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

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

# Statement of Investments

December 31, 2019

## NVIT Nationwide Fund

### Common Stocks 98.3%

	Shares	Value
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 1.4%</b>		
Boeing Co. (The)	1,746	\$ 568,777
Curtiss-Wright Corp.	13,210	1,861,157
General Dynamics Corp.	13,899	2,451,089
Lockheed Martin Corp.	5,918	2,304,351
Teledyne Technologies, Inc.*	9,034	3,130,642
		<u>10,316,016</u>
<b>Air Freight &amp; Logistics 0.4%</b>		
Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.	38,692	<u>3,018,750</u>
<b>Airlines 0.4%</b>		
Southwest Airlines Co.	59,783	<u>3,227,086</u>
<b>Banks 4.0%</b>		
Bank of Hawaii Corp. (a)	8,631	821,326
Bank OZK	9,515	290,255
Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. (a)	4,453	435,415
East West Bancorp, Inc.	42,369	2,063,370
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	58,018	8,087,709
M&T Bank Corp.	12,488	2,119,838
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (The)	2,127	339,533
SVB Financial Group*	21,745	5,458,865
US Bancorp	128,417	7,613,844
Wells Fargo & Co.	49,239	2,649,058
Western Alliance Bancorp	4,051	230,907
		<u>30,110,120</u>
<b>Beverages 2.7%</b>		
Brown-Forman Corp., Class B (a)	4,800	324,480
Coca-Cola Co. (The)	90,804	5,026,001
Constellation Brands, Inc., Class A	5,726	1,086,509
Monster Beverage Corp.*	51,937	3,300,596
PepsiCo, Inc.	78,253	10,694,838
		<u>20,432,424</u>
<b>Biotechnology 0.6%</b>		
Biogen, Inc.*	12,753	3,784,198
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	1,427	312,441
		<u>4,096,639</u>
<b>Capital Markets 2.1%</b>		
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	7,551	1,257,846
BlackRock, Inc.	3,382	1,700,131
Cboe Global Markets, Inc.	1,820	218,400
CME Group, Inc. (a)	25,789	5,176,368
MarketAxess Holdings, Inc.	2,502	948,533
Northern Trust Corp.	18,073	1,920,075
SEI Investments Co.	27,358	1,791,402
T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	22,170	2,701,193
		<u>15,713,948</u>
<b>Chemicals 2.6%</b>		
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.	4,353	1,022,912
Chemours Co. (The) (a)	16,063	290,580
Ecolab, Inc.	47,967	9,257,151
Linde plc	22,560	4,803,024
NewMarket Corp.	435	211,636
PPG Industries, Inc.	19,121	2,552,462
Sherwin-Williams Co. (The)	1,646	960,507
		<u>19,098,272</u>

### Common Stocks (continued)

	Shares	Value
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies 2.3%</b>		
ADT, Inc. (a)	30,884	\$ 244,910
Copart, Inc.*	15,158	1,378,469
Republic Services, Inc.	48,094	4,310,665
Rollins, Inc.	89,117	2,955,120
Waste Management, Inc.	75,198	8,569,564
		<u>17,458,728</u>
<b>Communications Equipment 1.8%</b>		
Cisco Systems, Inc.	189,503	9,088,564
CommScope Holding Co., Inc.* (a)	17,227	244,451
F5 Networks, Inc.*	31,420	4,387,803
		<u>13,720,818</u>
<b>Consumer Finance 1.3%</b>		
American Express Co.	5,511	686,064
Credit Acceptance Corp.* (a)	6,927	3,064,020
Discover Financial Services	72,035	6,110,009
		<u>9,860,093</u>
<b>Distributors 0.4%</b>		
Pool Corp.	13,813	<u>2,933,605</u>
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 0.5%</b>		
Verizon Communications, Inc.	59,316	<u>3,642,002</u>
<b>Electric Utilities 5.9%</b>		
Alliant Energy Corp.	5,271	288,429
American Electric Power Co., Inc.	76,162	7,198,071
Duke Energy Corp. (a)	43,285	3,948,025
Evergy, Inc.	67,166	4,371,835
Eversource Energy	42,108	3,582,127
NextEra Energy, Inc.	46,175	11,181,738
OGE Energy Corp.	7,496	333,347
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	93,033	8,366,458
Xcel Energy, Inc.	76,481	4,855,779
		<u>44,125,809</u>
<b>Electrical Equipment 0.9%</b>		
Eaton Corp. plc	40,024	3,791,073
Emerson Electric Co.	8,211	626,171
Rockwell Automation, Inc.	9,586	1,942,795
		<u>6,360,039</u>
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 0.6%</b>		
Amphenol Corp., Class A	4,613	499,265
Cognex Corp. (a)	31,855	1,785,154
Dolby Laboratories, Inc., Class A	12,627	868,738
National Instruments Corp.	33,319	1,410,726
		<u>4,563,883</u>
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 0.8%</b>		
Schlumberger Ltd.	141,409	<u>5,684,642</u>
<b>Entertainment 0.6%</b>		
Spotify Technology SA*	2,545	380,605
Walt Disney Co. (The)	28,194	4,077,698
		<u>4,458,303</u>
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing 3.5%</b>		
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	3,425	<u>544,541</u>

# Statement of Investments (Continued)

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## NVIT Nationwide Fund (Continued)

### Common Stocks (continued)

	Shares	Value
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing (continued)</b>		
Costco Wholesale Corp.	22,693	\$ 6,669,927
Sysco Corp.	101,622	8,692,746
Walmart, Inc.	88,228	10,485,015
		<u>26,392,229</u>
<b>Food Products 2.8%</b>		
Flowers Foods, Inc.	77,176	1,677,806
Hershey Co. (The)	3,041	446,966
Hormel Foods Corp. (a)	120,237	5,423,891
Ingredion, Inc.	23,419	2,176,796
Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	41,302	3,553,211
McCormick & Co., Inc. (Non-Voting)	11,409	1,936,450
Mondelez International, Inc., Class A	95,057	5,235,740
		<u>20,450,860</u>
<b>Gas Utilities 1.0%</b>		
Atmos Energy Corp. (a)	40,099	4,485,474
UGI Corp.	68,903	3,111,660
		<u>7,597,134</u>
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 2.5%</b>		
Abbott Laboratories	86,237	7,490,546
ABIOMED, Inc.* (a)	5,618	958,375
Danaher Corp.	4,717	723,965
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.*	1,419	331,038
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.*	6,903	1,802,580
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.*	12,532	7,408,292
		<u>18,714,796</u>
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 3.3%</b>		
Anthem, Inc.	10,449	3,155,911
Chemed Corp.	3,860	1,695,544
Henry Schein, Inc.* (a)	71,722	4,785,292
Humana, Inc.	8,171	2,994,835
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	40,583	11,930,590
		<u>24,562,172</u>
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 2.4%</b>		
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	26,193	2,855,299
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	24,669	1,703,148
McDonald's Corp.	23,166	4,577,833
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	18,174	2,426,411
Starbucks Corp.	60,234	5,295,773
Wyndham Destinations, Inc.	12,168	628,964
		<u>17,487,428</u>
<b>Household Durables 0.1%</b>		
Garmin Ltd.	9,976	973,259
<b>Household Products 1.6%</b>		
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	15,285	1,052,220
Procter & Gamble Co. (The)	88,198	11,015,930
		<u>12,068,150</u>
<b>Industrial Conglomerates 1.4%</b>		
3M Co.	25,461	4,491,830
Honeywell International, Inc.	33,390	5,910,030
		<u>10,401,860</u>

### Common Stocks (continued)

	Shares	Value
<b>Insurance 8.2%</b>		
Alleghany Corp.*	1,138	\$ 909,911
Allstate Corp. (The)	66,724	7,503,114
American Financial Group, Inc.	30,671	3,363,075
Aon plc	1,560	324,932
Arch Capital Group Ltd.*	10,013	429,458
Assured Guaranty Ltd.	26,247	1,286,628
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd.	18,369	1,091,853
Chubb Ltd.	55,174	8,588,385
Everest Re Group Ltd.	19,500	5,398,380
Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	86,382	3,917,424
First American Financial Corp.	4,996	291,367
Lincoln National Corp.	30,562	1,803,464
Markel Corp.*	1,291	1,475,832
Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc.	38,056	4,239,819
Progressive Corp. (The)	122,868	8,894,414
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.	11,219	2,199,148
Travelers Cos., Inc. (The)	48,318	6,617,150
WR Berkley Corp.	39,323	2,717,219
		<u>61,051,573</u>
<b>Interactive Media &amp; Services 2.6%</b>		
Alphabet, Inc., Class A*	8,120	10,875,847
Facebook, Inc., Class A*	39,846	8,178,391
		<u>19,054,238</u>
<b>Internet &amp; Direct Marketing Retail 1.0%</b>		
Amazon.com, Inc.*	2,162	3,995,030
Booking Holdings, Inc.*	1,732	3,557,060
		<u>7,552,090</u>
<b>IT Services 7.1%</b>		
Accenture plc, Class A	52,156	10,982,489
Akamai Technologies, Inc.*	40,058	3,460,210
Amdocs Ltd.	22,586	1,630,483
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	13,213	2,252,817
Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.	2,776	342,947
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	23,794	3,309,507
Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.	14,105	2,054,675
Mastercard, Inc., Class A	38,768	11,575,737
Paychex, Inc.	55,526	4,723,042
VeriSign, Inc.*	7,767	1,496,546
Visa, Inc., Class A	59,459	11,172,346
		<u>53,000,799</u>
<b>Life Sciences Tools &amp; Services 2.0%</b>		
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	12,308	1,049,995
Bio-Techne Corp.	1,164	255,510
Illumina, Inc.*	3,686	1,222,794
Mettler-Toledo International, Inc.*	5,348	4,242,461
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	20,944	6,804,077
Waters Corp.* (a)	6,198	1,448,163
		<u>15,023,000</u>
<b>Machinery 1.8%</b>		
Caterpillar, Inc.	19,344	2,856,722
IDEX Corp.	7,454	1,282,088
Illinois Tool Works, Inc. (a)	23,267	4,179,451
Ingersoll-Rand plc	9,511	1,264,202
Nordson Corp.	1,948	317,212

# Statement of Investments (Continued)

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## NVIT Nationwide Fund (Continued)

### Common Stocks (continued)

	Shares	Value
<b>Machinery (continued)</b>		
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	16,826	\$ 2,788,741
Xylem, Inc.	10,865	856,054
		<u>13,544,470</u>
<b>Media 0.1%</b>		
Comcast Corp., Class A	11,921	536,087
<b>Multi-Utilities 4.7%</b>		
Ameren Corp.	133,459	10,249,651
Consolidated Edison, Inc.	55,377	5,009,957
Dominion Energy, Inc.	51,756	4,286,432
DTE Energy Co.	40,760	5,293,501
Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.	75,478	4,456,976
WEC Energy Group, Inc. (a)	59,197	5,459,740
		<u>34,756,257</u>
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels 1.3%</b>		
Chevron Corp.	12,784	1,540,600
EOG Resources, Inc.	29,351	2,458,440
Exxon Mobil Corp.	45,718	3,190,202
Phillips 66	16,671	1,857,316
Valero Energy Corp.	2,872	268,963
		<u>9,315,521</u>
<b>Personal Products 0.7%</b>		
Estee Lauder Cos., Inc. (The), Class A	25,660	5,299,816
<b>Pharmaceuticals 4.3%</b>		
Eli Lilly & Co.	36,123	4,747,646
Johnson & Johnson	77,046	11,238,700
Merck & Co., Inc.	92,218	8,387,227
Mylan NV*	30,088	604,769
Pfizer, Inc.	133,250	5,220,735
Zoetis, Inc.	15,841	2,096,556
		<u>32,295,633</u>
<b>Professional Services 1.0%</b>		
CoStar Group, Inc.*	5,938	3,552,705
Robert Half International, Inc. (a)	58,767	3,711,136
		<u>7,263,841</u>
<b>Real Estate Management &amp; Development 0.0%<sup>†</sup></b>		
Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc.	1,298	225,969
<b>Road &amp; Rail 0.5%</b>		
Landstar System, Inc. (a)	21,958	2,500,358
Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. (a)	7,190	1,364,518
		<u>3,864,876</u>
<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment 1.8%</b>		
Broadcom, Inc.	3,981	1,258,075
Skyworks Solutions, Inc. (a)	8,529	1,030,985
Texas Instruments, Inc.	64,847	8,319,222
Xilinx, Inc.	24,623	2,407,391
		<u>13,015,673</u>
<b>Software 5.2%</b>		
Adobe, Inc.*	36,250	11,955,613
ANSYS, Inc.* (a)	2,126	547,254

### Common Stocks (continued)

	Shares	Value
<b>Software (continued)</b>		
Dropbox, Inc., Class A*	59,470	\$ 1,065,108
Fortinet, Inc.*	22,794	2,433,487
Intuit, Inc.	30,201	7,910,548
Microsoft Corp.	72,593	11,447,916
Nutanix, Inc., Class A*	11,532	360,490
Oracle Corp.	53,034	2,809,741
		<u>38,530,157</u>
<b>Specialty Retail 2.8%</b>		
Best Buy Co., Inc.	4,107	360,594
Home Depot, Inc. (The)	45,163	9,862,696
Lowe's Cos., Inc.	46,014	5,510,637
Ross Stores, Inc.	24,145	2,810,961
TJX Cos., Inc. (The)	37,352	2,280,713
		<u>20,825,601</u>
<b>Technology Hardware, Storage &amp; Peripherals 1.2%</b>		
Apple, Inc.	30,967	9,093,460
<b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods 2.0%</b>		
Capri Holdings Ltd.* (a)	28,008	1,068,505
Lululemon Athletica, Inc.*	36,211	8,389,002
NIKE, Inc., Class B	53,015	5,370,950
		<u>14,828,457</u>
<b>Thriffs &amp; Mortgage Finance 0.0%<sup>†</sup></b>		
TFS Financial Corp.	15,133	297,817
<b>Tobacco 0.9%</b>		
Altria Group, Inc.	74,879	3,737,211
Philip Morris International, Inc.	36,771	3,128,844
		<u>6,866,055</u>
<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 0.0%<sup>†</sup></b>		
United Rentals, Inc.*	1,427	237,981
<b>Water Utilities 1.2%</b>		
American Water Works Co., Inc. (a)	58,526	7,189,919
Aqua America, Inc. (a)	33,374	1,566,576
		<u>8,756,495</u>
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.0%<sup>†</sup></b>		
T-Mobile US, Inc.*	4,006	314,150
<b>Total Common Stocks (cost \$528,660,312)</b>		<b><u>733,019,081</u></b>

### Repurchase Agreements 1.4%

	Principal Amount
Bank of America NA, 1.57%, dated 12/31/2019, due 1/2/2020, repurchase price \$2,892,626, collateralized by U.S. Government Agency Securities, 3.00%, maturing 12/20/2042; total market value \$2,950,221. (b)(c)	\$ 2,892,374 2,892,374

# Statement of Investments (Continued)

December 31, 2019

## NVIT Nationwide Fund (Continued)

### Repurchase Agreements (continued)

	Principal Amount	Value
BofA Securities, Inc., 1.65%, dated 12/13/2019, due 1/7/2020, repurchase price \$1,001,146, collateralized by U.S. Government Agency Securities, ranging from 0.00% - 3.50%, maturing 10/25/2027 - 10/15/2058; total market value \$1,020,000. (b)(c)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Citigroup Global Markets Ltd., 1.70%, dated 12/31/2019, due 1/2/2020, repurchase price \$1,700,161, collateralized by U.S. Government Treasury Securities, ranging from 1.63% - 2.25%, maturing 7/31/2024 - 8/15/2049; total market value \$1,734,000. (b)(c)	1,700,000	1,700,000
Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., 1.59%, dated 1/7/2019, due 1/7/2020, repurchase price \$2,032,242, collateralized by U.S. Government Treasury Securities, ranging from 0.00% - 3.13%, maturing 4/30/2020 - 8/15/2044; total market value \$2,040,000. (b)(c)(d)	2,000,000	2,000,000
NatWest Markets Securities, Inc., 1.58%, dated 12/31/2019, due 1/7/2020, repurchase price \$3,000,922, collateralized by U.S. Government Treasury Securities, ranging from 0.50% - 6.63%, maturing 7/15/2020 - 5/15/2039; total market value \$3,060,267. (b)(c)	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>Total Repurchase Agreements (cost \$10,592,374)</b>		<b>10,592,374</b>
<b>Total Investments (cost \$539,252,686) — 99.7%</b>		<b>743,611,455</b>
<b>Other assets in excess of liabilities — 0.3%</b>		<b>2,028,502</b>
<b>NET ASSETS — 100.0%</b>		<b>\$ 745,639,957</b>

\* Denotes a non-income producing security.

+ Amount rounds to less than 0.1%.

- (a) The security or a portion of this security is on loan at December 31, 2019. The total value of securities on loan at December 31, 2019 was \$44,982,595, which was collateralized by cash used to purchase repurchase agreements with a total value of \$10,592,374 and by \$35,440,264 of collateral in the form of U.S. Government Treasury Securities, interest rates ranging from 0.00% - 8.13%, and maturity dates ranging from 1/7/2020 - 2/15/2049, a total value of \$46,032,638.
- (b) Security was purchased with cash collateral held from securities on loan. The total value of securities purchased with cash collateral as of December 31, 2019 was \$10,592,374.
- (c) Please refer to Note 2(d) for additional information on the joint repurchase agreement.
- (d) Variable Rate Security. The rate reflected in the Statement of Investments is the rate in effect on December 31, 2019. The maturity date represents the actual maturity date.

### Futures contracts outstanding as of December 31, 2019:

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Date	Trading Currency	Notional Amount (\$)	Value and Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) (\$)
<b>Long Contracts</b>					
S&P 500 E-Mini Index	44	3/2020	USD	7,108,420	122,126
					122,126

At December 31, 2019, the Fund had \$304,920 segregated as collateral with the broker for open future contracts.

### Currency:

USD United States Dollar

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

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2019

	NVIT Nationwide Fund
<b>Assets:</b>	
Investment securities, at value* (cost \$528,660,312)	\$733,019,081
Repurchase agreement, at value (cost \$10,592,374)	10,592,374
Cash	12,264,487
Deposits with broker for futures contracts	304,920
Interest and dividends receivable	913,258
Security lending income receivable	8,109
Receivable for capital shares issued	15,572
Receivable for variation margin on futures contracts	17,840
Prepaid expenses	1,210
Total Assets	<u>757,136,851</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Payable for capital shares redeemed	330,112
Payable upon return of securities loaned (Note 2)	10,592,374
Accrued expenses and other payables:	
Investment advisory fees	368,100
Fund administration fees	39,030
Distribution fees	24,097
Administrative servicing fees	101,287
Accounting and transfer agent fees	226
Trustee fees	100
Custodian fees	7,321
Compliance program costs (Note 3)	742
Professional fees	20,699
Printing fees	12,138
Other	668
Total Liabilities	<u>11,496,894</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$745,639,957</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
Capital	\$491,945,019
Total distributable earnings (loss)	253,694,938
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$745,639,957</u></u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Class I Shares	\$492,851,799
Class II Shares	114,362,991
Class IV Shares	138,425,167
Total	<u><u>\$745,639,957</u></u>
<b>Shares Outstanding</b> (unlimited number of shares authorized):	
Class I Shares	21,269,711
Class II Shares	4,955,998
Class IV Shares	5,977,904
Total	<u><u>32,203,613</u></u>
<b>Net asset value and offering price per share</b> (Net assets by class divided by shares outstanding by class, respectively):	
Class I Shares	\$ 23.17
Class II Shares	\$ 23.08
Class IV Shares	\$ 23.16

\* Includes value of securities on loan of \$44,982,595 (Note 2).

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



# Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<b>NVIT Nationwide Fund</b>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME:</b>	
Dividend income	\$ 13,889,889
Interest income	348,611
Income from securities lending (Note 2)	91,539
Total Income	<u>14,330,039</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Investment advisory fees	4,380,999
Fund administration fees	261,076
Distribution fees Class II Shares	273,327
Administrative servicing fees Class I Shares	767,580
Administrative servicing fees Class II Shares	163,997
Administrative servicing fees Class IV Shares	194,679
Professional fees	59,798
Printing fees	35,959
Trustee fees	26,941
Custodian fees	28,611
Accounting and transfer agent fees	962
Compliance program costs (Note 3)	3,101
Other	15,546
Total Expenses	<u>6,212,576</u>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<u>8,117,463</u>
<b>REALIZED/UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) FROM INVESTMENTS:</b>	
Net realized gains (losses) from:	
Transactions in investment securities	45,290,702
Expiration or closing of futures contracts (Note 2)	2,602,257
Net realized gains	<u>47,892,959</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the value of:	
Investment securities	133,968,560
Futures contracts (Note 2)	735,826
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	<u>134,704,386</u>
Net realized/unrealized gains	<u>182,597,345</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u><u>\$190,714,808</u></u>

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



# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	NVIT Nationwide Fund	
	Year Ended December 31, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2018
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 8,117,463	\$ 8,269,785
Net realized gains	47,892,959	32,247,618
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	134,704,386	(36,918,036)
Change in net assets resulting from operations	190,714,808	3,599,367
<b>Distributions to Shareholders From:</b>		
Distributable earnings:		
Class I	(26,360,094)	(5,747,405)
Class II	(5,683,471)	(834,595)
Class IV	(7,085,663)	(1,336,018)
Change in net assets from shareholder distributions	(39,129,228)	(7,918,018)
Change in net assets from capital transactions	(106,248,922)	(70,209,198)
Change in net assets	45,336,658	(74,527,849)
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of year	700,303,299	774,831,148
End of year	<u>\$ 745,639,957</u>	<u>\$700,303,299</u>
<b>CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
<b>Class I Shares</b>		
Proceeds from shares issued	\$ 12,635,644	\$ 16,586,794
Dividends reinvested	26,360,094	5,747,405
Cost of shares redeemed	(142,787,637)	(66,626,279)
Total Class I Shares	(103,791,899)	(44,292,080)
<b>Class II Shares</b>		
Proceeds from shares issued	16,545,509	1,250,521
Dividends reinvested	5,683,471	834,595
Cost of shares redeemed	(23,344,725)	(20,384,438)
Total Class II Shares	(1,115,745)	(18,299,322)
<b>Class IV Shares</b>		
Proceeds from shares issued	1,668,908	1,037,503
Dividends reinvested	7,085,663	1,336,018
Cost of shares redeemed	(10,095,849)	(9,991,317)
Total Class IV Shares	(1,341,278)	(7,617,796)
Change in net assets from capital transactions	<u>\$(106,248,922)</u>	<u>\$ (70,209,198)</u>

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets (Continued)

	NVIT Nationwide Fund	
	Year Ended December 31, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2018
<b>SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
<b>Class I Shares</b>		
Issued	582,122	828,283
Reinvested	1,176,771	287,596
Redeemed	(6,506,050)	(3,311,036)
Total Class I Shares	(4,747,157)	(2,195,157)
<b>Class II Shares</b>		
Issued	771,030	62,070
Reinvested	255,126	41,867
Redeemed	(1,078,884)	(1,023,589)
Total Class II Shares	(52,728)	(919,652)
<b>Class IV Shares</b>		
Issued	75,776	52,233
Reinvested	316,447	66,889
Redeemed	(461,120)	(501,444)
Total Class IV Shares	(68,897)	(382,322)
Total change in shares	(4,868,782)	(3,497,131)

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

# Financial Highlights

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

## NVIT Nationwide 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)	Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets (d)	Ratio of Expenses (Prior to Reimbursements) to Average Net Assets (d)	Portfolio Turnover (b)(e)
Class I Shares														
Year Ended December 31, 2019	\$18.90	0.24	5.25	5.49	(0.26)	(0.96)	(1.22)	\$23.17	29.31%	\$492,851,799	0.79%	1.12%	0.79%	16.10%
Year Ended December 31, 2018	\$19.11	0.22	(0.21)	0.01	(0.22)	-	(0.22)	\$18.90	-	\$491,745,543	0.80%	1.11%	0.80%	16.67%
Year Ended December 31, 2017	\$16.01	0.19	3.10	3.29	(0.19)	-	(0.19)	\$19.11	20.52%	\$539,162,094	0.79%	1.06%	0.79%	119.12%
Year Ended December 31, 2016	\$14.57	0.21	1.45	1.66	(0.22)	-	(0.22)	\$16.01	11.39%	\$496,092,639	0.79%	1.42%	0.79%	58.09%
Year Ended December 31, 2015	\$14.62	0.18	(0.04)	0.14	(0.19)	-	(0.19)	\$14.57	0.94%	\$494,724,121	0.79%	1.20%	0.79%	67.90%
Class II Shares														
Year Ended December 31, 2019	\$18.83	0.19	5.22	5.41	(0.20)	(0.96)	(1.16)	\$23.08	29.02%	\$114,362,991	1.04%	0.87%	1.04%	16.10%
Year Ended December 31, 2018	\$19.04	0.17	(0.21)	(0.04)	(0.17)	-	(0.17)	\$18.83	(0.28%)	\$ 94,322,078	1.05%	0.85%	1.05%	16.67%
Year Ended December 31, 2017	\$15.95	0.14	3.09	3.23	(0.14)	-	(0.14)	\$19.04	20.24%	\$112,858,440	1.04%	0.81%	1.04%	119.12%
Year Ended December 31, 2016	\$14.51	0.17	1.45	1.62	(0.18)	-	(0.18)	\$15.95	11.16%	\$111,902,598	1.04%	1.17%	1.04%	58.09%
Year Ended December 31, 2015	\$14.56	0.14	(0.04)	0.10	(0.15)	-	(0.15)	\$14.51	0.66%	\$120,873,283	1.04%	0.95%	1.04%	67.90%
Class IV Shares														
Year Ended December 31, 2019	\$18.89	0.24	5.25	5.49	(0.26)	(0.96)	(1.22)	\$23.16	29.34%	\$138,425,167	0.79%	1.12%	0.79%	16.10%
Year Ended December 31, 2018	\$19.10	0.22	(0.21)	0.01	(0.22)	-	(0.22)	\$18.89	-	\$114,235,678	0.80%	1.11%	0.80%	16.67%
Year Ended December 31, 2017	\$16.00	0.19	3.10	3.29	(0.19)	-	(0.19)	\$19.10	20.54%	\$122,810,614	0.79%	1.06%	0.79%	119.12%
Year Ended December 31, 2016	\$14.56	0.21	1.45	1.66	(0.22)	-	(0.22)	\$16.00	11.40%	\$109,152,161	0.79%	1.41%	0.79%	58.09%
Year Ended December 31, 2015	\$14.62	0.18	(0.05)	0.13	(0.19)	-	(0.19)	\$14.56	0.87%	\$107,620,391	0.79%	1.20%	0.79%	67.90%

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

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

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

# Notes to Financial Statements

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December 31, 2019

## 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 Nationwide 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 currently offers Class I, Class II, and Class IV 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 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.

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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.

Securities for which market-based quotations are readily available are valued at the current market value as of "Valuation Time." Valuation Time is as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). Equity securities are generally valued at the last quoted sale price or official closing price, or, if there is no such price, the last quoted bid price provided by an independent pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees. Prices are taken from the primary market or exchange on which each security trades. Shares of registered open-end management investment companies are valued at net asset value ("NAV") as reported by such company. Shares of exchange traded funds are generally valued at the last quoted sale price or official closing price, or, if there is no such price, the last quoted bid price provided by an independent pricing service. Master limited partnerships ("MLPs") are publicly traded partnerships and are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Investments in MLPs are valued at the last quoted sale price or official closing price, or, if there is no such price, the last quoted bid price provided by an independent pricing service. Equity securities, shares of registered open-end management investment companies, shares of exchange traded funds and MLPs valued in this manner are generally categorized as Level 1 investments within the hierarchy. Repurchase agreements are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value, and are generally categorized as Level 2 investments within the hierarchy.

The Board of Trustees has delegated authority to NFA, and the Trust's administrator, Nationwide Fund Management LLC ("NFM"), to assign a fair value under certain circumstances, as described below, pursuant to valuation procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. NFA and NFM have established a Fair Valuation Committee ("FVC") to assign these fair valuations. The fair value of a security may differ from its quoted or published price. Fair valuation of portfolio securities may occur on a daily basis.

Securities may be fair valued in certain circumstances, such as where (i) market-based quotations are not readily available; (ii) an independent pricing service does not provide a value or the value provided by an independent pricing service is determined to be unreliable in the judgment of NFA/NFM or its designee; (iii) a significant event has occurred that affects the value of the Fund's securities after trading has stopped (e.g., earnings announcements or news relating to natural disasters affecting an issuer's operations); (iv) the securities are illiquid; (v) the securities have defaulted or been delisted from an exchange and are no longer trading; or (vi) any other circumstance in which the FVC believes that market-based quotations do not accurately reflect the value of a security.

The FVC will assign a fair value according to fair value methodologies. Information utilized by the FVC to obtain a fair value may include, among others, the following: (i) a multiple of

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earnings; (ii) the discount from market value of a similar, freely traded security; (iii) the yield-to-maturity for debt issues; or (iv) a combination of these and other methods. Fair valuations may also take into account significant events that occur before Valuation Time but after the close of the principal market on which a security trades that materially affect the value of such security. To arrive at the appropriate methodology, the FVC may consider a non-exclusive list of factors, which are specific to the security, as well as whether the security is traded on the domestic or foreign markets. The FVC monitors the results of fair valuation determinations and regularly reports the results to the Board of Trustees. The Fund attempts to establish a price that it might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of that security. That said, there can be no assurance that the fair value assigned to a security is the price at which a security could have been sold during the period in which the particular fair value was used to value the security. To the extent the significant inputs used are observable, these securities are classified as Level 2 investments; otherwise, they are classified as Level 3 investments within the hierarchy.

Equity Securities listed on a non-U.S. exchange (“non-U.S. securities”) are generally fair valued daily by an independent fair value pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees. The fair valuations for non-U.S. securities may not be the same as quoted or published prices of the securities on the exchange on which such securities trade. Such securities are categorized as Level 2 investments within the hierarchy. If daily fair value prices from the independent fair value pricing service are not available, such non-U.S. securities are generally valued at the last quoted sale price at the close of an exchange on which the security is traded and categorized as Level 1 investments within the hierarchy. Values of foreign securities, currencies, and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate of said currencies against the U.S. dollar, as of Valuation Time, as provided by an independent pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees.

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>				
Common Stocks	\$733,019,081	\$ —	\$—	\$733,019,081
Futures Contracts	122,126	—	—	122,126
Repurchase Agreements	—	10,592,374	—	10,592,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$733,141,207</b>	<b>\$10,592,374</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$743,733,581</b>

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

## (b) Futures Contracts

The Fund is subject to equity price risk in the normal course of pursuing its objective(s). In response to purchases and redemptions of the Fund’s shares, the Fund’s subadviser may use equity index futures, which are derivatives, to obtain efficient investment exposure as a substitute for taking a position in equity securities. Futures contracts are contracts for delayed delivery of securities or currencies at a specific future date and at a specific price or currency amount.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to segregate an initial margin deposit of cash and/or other assets equal to a certain percentage of the futures contract’s notional value. Under a futures contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the futures contract. Subsequent receipts or payments, known as “variation margin” receipts or payments, are made each day,

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depending on the fluctuation in the fair value of the futures contract, and are recognized by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses. Futures contracts are generally valued daily at their settlement price as provided by an independent pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees, and are generally categorized as Level 1 investments within the hierarchy.

A “sale” of a futures contract means a contractual obligation to deliver the securities or foreign currency called for by the contract at a fixed price or amount at a specified time in the future. A “purchase” of a futures contract means a contractual obligation to acquire the securities or foreign currency at a fixed price at a specified time in the future. When a futures contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the futures contract at the time it was opened and its value at the time it was closed.

Should market conditions change unexpectedly, the Fund may not achieve the anticipated benefits of futures contracts and may realize a loss. The use of futures contracts for hedging purposes involves the risk of imperfect correlation in the movements in the price of the futures contracts and the underlying assets. The Fund’s investments in futures contracts entail limited counterparty credit risk because the Fund invests only in exchange-traded futures contracts, which are settled through the exchange and whose fulfillment is guaranteed by the credit of the exchange.

The Fund’s futures contracts are reflected in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities under “Receivable/Payable for variation margin on futures contracts,” in a table in the Statement of Investments and in the Statement of Operations under “Net realized gains (losses) from expiration or closing of futures contracts” and “Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the value of futures contracts.”

The following table provides a summary of the Fund’s derivative instruments categorized by risk exposure as of December 31, 2019:

## Fair Values of Derivatives not Accounted for as Hedging Instruments as of December 31, 2019

Assets:	Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Fair Value
Futures Contracts(a)		
Equity risk	Receivable for variation margin on futures contracts	\$122,126
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$122,126</b>

(a) Includes cumulative appreciation/(depreciation) of futures contracts as reported in the Statement of Investments. Only current day’s variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

## The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Realized Gains (Losses):	Total
Futures Contracts	
Equity risk	\$2,602,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,602,257</b>

## Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation on Derivatives Recognized in the Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation:	Total
Futures Contracts	
Equity risk	\$735,826
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$735,826</b>



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The following table provides a summary of the Fund's average volume of derivative instruments held during the year ended December 31, 2019:

**Futures Contracts:**

Average Notional Balance Long	\$11,232,548
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The Fund is required to disclose information about offsetting and related arrangements to enable users of the financial statements to understand the effect of those arrangements on the Fund's financial position. At December 31, 2019, the Fund has entered into futures contracts. The futures contract agreement does not provide for a netting arrangement.

## (c) Securities Lending

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund entered into securities lending transactions. To generate additional income, the Fund lent its portfolio securities, up to 33 1/3% of the total assets of the Fund, to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan") serves as securities lending agent for the securities lending program of the Fund. Securities lending transactions are considered to be overnight and continuous and can be terminated by the Fund or the borrower at any time.

The Fund receives payments from JPMorgan equivalent to any dividends while on loan, in lieu of income which is included as "Dividend income" on the Statement of Operations. The Fund also receives interest that would have been earned on the securities loaned while simultaneously seeking to earn income on the investment of cash collateral. Securities lending income includes any fees charged to borrowers less expenses associated with the loan. Income from the securities lending program is recorded when earned from JPMorgan and reflected in the Statement of Operations under "Income from securities lending." There may be risks of delay or restrictions in recovery of the securities or disposal of collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. Loans are made, however, only to borrowers deemed by JPMorgan to be of good standing and creditworthy. Loans are subject to termination by the Fund or the borrower at any time, and, therefore, are not considered to be illiquid investments. JPMorgan receives a fee based on a percentage of earnings derived from the investment of cash collateral. In accordance with guidance presented in FASB Accounting Standards Update 2014-11, Balance Sheet (Topic) 860: Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosures, liabilities under the outstanding securities lending transactions as of December 31, 2019, were \$10,592,374, which was comprised of repurchase agreements purchased with cash collateral.

The Fund's securities lending policies and procedures require that the borrower (i) deliver cash or U.S. Government securities as collateral with respect to each new loan of U.S. securities, equal to at least 102% of the value of the portfolio securities loaned, and with respect to each new loan of non-U.S. securities, collateral of at least 105% of the value of the portfolio securities loaned; and (ii) at all times thereafter mark-to-market the collateral on a daily basis so that the market value of such collateral is at least 100% of the value of securities loaned. Cash collateral received is generally invested in joint repurchase agreements and shown in the Statement of Investments and included in calculating the Fund's total assets. U.S. Government securities received as collateral, if any, are held in safe-keeping by JPMorgan or The Bank of New York Mellon and cannot be sold or repledged by the Fund and accordingly are not reflected in the Fund's total assets. For additional information on the non-cash collateral received, please refer to the Statement of Investments.



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The Securities Lending Agency Agreement between the Trust and JPMorgan provides that in the event of a default by a borrower with respect to any loan, the Fund may terminate the loan and JPMorgan will exercise any and all remedies provided under the applicable borrower agreement to make the Fund whole. These remedies include purchasing replacement securities by applying the collateral held from the defaulting borrower against the purchase cost of the replacement securities. If, despite such efforts by JPMorgan to exercise these remedies, the Fund sustains losses as a result of a borrower's default, JPMorgan indemnifies the Fund by purchasing replacement securities at JPMorgan's expense, or paying the Fund an amount equal to the market value of the replacement securities, subject to certain limitations which are set forth in detail in the Securities Lending Agency Agreement between the Fund and JPMorgan.

At December 31, 2019, the Securities Lending Agency Agreement does not permit the Fund to enforce a netting arrangement.

## (d) Joint Repurchase Agreements

During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund, along with other series of the Trust, pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees and applicable guidance from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), transferred cash collateral received from securities lending transactions, through a joint account at JPMorgan, the Fund's custodian, the daily aggregate balance of which is invested in one or more joint repurchase agreements ("repo," or collectively, "repos") collateralized by U.S. Treasury or federal agency obligations. For repos, the Fund participates on a pro rata basis with other clients of JPMorgan in its share of the underlying collateral under such repos and in its share of proceeds from any repurchase or other disposition of the underlying collateral. In repos, the seller of a security agrees to repurchase the security at a mutually agreed-upon time and price, which reflects the effective rate of return for the term of the agreement. For repos, The Bank of New York Mellon or JPMorgan takes possession of the collateral pledged for investments in such repos. The underlying collateral is valued daily on a mark-to-market basis to ensure that the value is equal to or greater than the repurchase price, including accrued interest. In the event of default of the obligation to repurchase, the Fund has the right to liquidate the collateral and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the obligation. If the seller defaults and the value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

At December 31, 2019, the joint repos on a gross basis were as follows:

Bank of America NA, 1.57%, dated 12/31/2019, due 1/2/2020, repurchase price \$61,185,693, collateralized by U.S. Government Agency Securities, 3.00%, maturing 12/20/2042; total market value \$62,403,964.

BofA Securities, Inc., 1.65%, dated 12/13/2019, due 1/7/2020, repurchase price \$99,614,010, collateralized by U.S. Government Agency Securities, ranging from 0.00% - 3.50%, maturing 10/25/2027 - 10/15/2058; total market value \$ 101,490,000.

Citigroup Global Markets Ltd., 1.70%, dated 12/31/2019, due 1/2/2020, repurchase price \$34,841,023, collateralized by U.S. Government Treasury Securities, ranging from 1.63% - 2.25%, maturing 7/31/2024 - 8/15/2049; total market value \$35,534,490.

Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., 1.59%, dated 1/7/2019, due 1/7/2020, repurchase price \$116,853,896, collateralized by U.S. Government Treasury Securities, ranging from 0.00% - 3.13%, maturing 4/30/2020 - 8/15/2044; total market value \$117,300,013.

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NatWest Markets Securities, Inc., 1.58%, dated 12/31/2019, due 1/7/2020, repurchase price \$200,061,444, collateralized by U.S. Government Treasury Securities, ranging from 0.50% - 6.63%, maturing 7/15/2020 - 5/15/2039; total market value \$204,017,820.

At December 31, 2019, the Fund's investment in the joint repos was subject to an enforceable netting arrangement. The Fund's proportionate holding in the joint repos was as follows:

Counterparty	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Gross Amounts not Offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Net Amounts of Assets
				Collateral Received*	
Bank of America NA	\$ 2,892,374	\$—	\$ 2,892,374	\$ (2,892,374)	\$—
BofA Securities, Inc.	1,000,000	—	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	—
Citigroup Global Markets Ltd.	1,700,000	—	1,700,000	(1,700,000)	—
Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc.	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	—
NatWest Markets Securities, Inc.	3,000,000	—	3,000,000	(3,000,000)	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,592,374</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$10,592,374</b>	<b>\$(10,592,374)</b>	<b>\$—</b>

Amounts designated as “—” are zero.

\* At December 31, 2019, the value of the collateral received exceeded the market value of the Fund's proportionate holding in the joint repos. Please refer to the Statement of Investments for the Fund's undivided interest in each joint repo and related collateral.

## (e) 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. 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. Dividend income and expenses, as applicable, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are recorded as such on the Statement of Operations.

For certain securities, including a real estate investment trust (“REIT”), the Fund records distributions received in excess of earnings and profits of such security as a reduction of cost of investments and/or realized gain (referred to as a return of capital). Additionally, a REIT may characterize distributions it pays as long-term capital gains. Such distributions are based on estimates if actual amounts are not available. Actual distributions of income, long-term capital gain and return of capital may differ from the estimated amounts. The Fund will recharacterize the estimated amounts of the components of distributions as necessary, once the issuers provide information about the actual composition of the distributions. Any portion of a distribution deemed a return of capital is generally not taxable to the Fund.

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The Fund records as dividend income the amount characterized as ordinary income and records as realized gain the amount characterized by a REIT as long-term capital gain in the Statement of Operations. The amount characterized as return of capital is a reduction to the cost of investments in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities if the security is still held; otherwise it is recorded as an adjustment to realized gains (losses) from transactions in investment securities in the Statement of Operations. These characterizations are reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

## **(f) 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 non-taxable dividends. 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, cumulative excess premiums on bonds, significant debt modifications, premiums on callable bonds, book/tax differences on interest-only securities, unrealized gains on passive foreign investment companies, affiliated trades loss deferrals, 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.

## **(g) 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.

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## (h) 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. NFA has selected AQR Capital Management, LLC (the "Subadviser") as subadviser for the Fund, and provides investment management evaluation services in monitoring, on an ongoing basis, the performance of the Subadviser.

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 \$250 million	0.60%
\$250 million up to \$1 billion	0.575%
\$1 billion up to \$2 billion	0.55%
\$2 billion up to \$5 billion	0.525%
\$5 billion and more	0.50%

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund's effective advisory fee rate was 0.58%.

From these fees, pursuant to the subadvisory agreement, NFA pays fees to the unaffiliated Subadviser.

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 \$261,076 in fees from the Fund under the Joint Fund Administration and Transfer Agency Agreement.

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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.

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 \$3,101.

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 Class II shares of the Fund at an annual rate of 0.25%.

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 I, Class II, and up to 0.20% of the average daily net assets of Class IV shares of the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the effective rate for administrative services fees was 0.15%, 0.15%, and 0.15% for Class I, Class II, and Class IV shares, respectively, for a total amount of \$1,126,256.

## 4. 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, 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, the Fund may not draw any portion of the line of credit that is provided by a bank that is an affiliate of the Fund's subadviser, if applicable. 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.

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Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the 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.

## 5. Investment Transactions

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund had purchases of \$117,944,221 and sales of \$245,543,098 (excluding short-term securities).

## 6. Portfolio Investment Risks

### Risks Associated with Foreign Securities and Currencies

Investments in securities of foreign issuers carry certain risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These risks include foreign currency fluctuations, future disruptive political and economic developments and the possible imposition of exchange controls or other unfavorable foreign government laws and restrictions. In addition, investments in certain countries may carry risks of expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that adversely affect investments in those countries.

Certain countries also may impose substantial restrictions on investments in their capital markets by foreign entities, including restrictions on investments in issuers in industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. These factors may limit the investment opportunities available and result in a lack of liquidity and high price volatility with respect to securities of issuers from developing countries.

### Risks Associated with REIT and Real Estate Investments

Investments in REITs and in real estate securities carry certain risks associated with direct ownership of real estate and with the real estate industry in general. These risks include possible declines in the value of real estate, possible lack of availability of mortgage funds, unexpected vacancies of properties, and the relative lack of liquidity associated with investments in real estate.

## 7. 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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## 8. New Accounting Pronouncements

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.

## 9. 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			
\$12,660,128	\$26,469,100	\$39,129,228	\$—	\$39,129,228

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			
\$7,918,018	\$—	\$7,918,018	\$—	\$7,918,018

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)
\$3,548,791	\$46,019,812	\$49,568,603	\$—	\$204,126,335	\$253,694,938

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.

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

Tax Cost of Investments	Unrealized Appreciation	Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)
\$539,607,246	\$208,773,552	\$(4,647,217)	\$204,126,335

# Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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December 31, 2019

## 10. 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 Nationwide Fund

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the statement of investments, of NVIT Nationwide Fund (one of the series constituting Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust, referred to hereafter as the “Fund”) as of December 31, 2019, the related statement of operations 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 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 custodian and brokers. 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

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**American Century NVIT Multi Cap Value Fund**  
**Amundi NVIT Multi-Sector Bond Fund**  
**BlackRock NVIT Equity Dividend Fund**  
**BlackRock NVIT Managed Global Allocation Fund**  
**DoubleLine NVIT Total Return Tactical Fund**  
**Federated NVIT High Income Bond Fund**  
**Neuberger Berman NVIT Multi Cap Opportunities Fund**  
**Neuberger Berman NVIT Socially Responsible Fund**  
**NVIT Core Bond Fund**  
**NVIT Core Plus Bond Fund**  
**NVIT Dynamic U.S. Growth Fund**  
**NVIT Emerging Markets Fund**  
**NVIT Government Bond Fund**  
**NVIT Government Money Market Fund**  
**NVIT International Equity Fund**  
**NVIT iShares® Fixed Income ETF Fund**  
**NVIT iShares® Global Equity ETF Fund**  
**NVIT Managed American Funds Asset Allocation Fund**  
**NVIT Managed American Funds Growth & Income Fund**  
**NVIT Nationwide Fund**  
**NVIT Real Estate Fund**  
**NVIT Short Term Bond Fund**  
**Templeton NVIT International Value Fund**

## **Continuation of Advisory (and Sub-Advisory) Agreements**

The Trust's investment advisory agreements with its Investment Adviser (the "Adviser") and its Sub-Advisers (together, 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 Agreements, including investment performance, Sub-Adviser updates and reviews, 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.

## Supplemental Information (Continued)

December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

- 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 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 and relevant Sub-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 and Sub-Advisers.
- The activities of the Adviser in selecting, overseeing, and evaluating each Sub-Adviser; reporting by the Adviser to the Trustees regarding the Sub-Advisers; and steps taken by the Adviser, where appropriate, to identify replacement Sub-Advisers and to put those Sub-Advisers in place.
- The investment advisory and oversight capabilities of the Adviser, including, among other things, its expertise in investment, economic, and financial analysis.
- The Adviser’s and Sub-Advisers’ 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 and Sub-Advisers’ investment processes; 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 and the Adviser’s assessment of the financial condition and stability of the Sub-Advisers.
- 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 reviewed expense information for each of the Funds and the total return investment performance of each of the Funds as well as the performance

## Supplemental Information (Continued)

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of peer groups of funds over various time periods.

The Trustees considered that BlackRock NVIT Managed Global Allocation Fund, DoubleLine NVIT Total Return Tactical Fund, Neuberger Berman NVIT Multi Cap Opportunities Fund, NVIT Core Bond Fund, NVIT Core Plus Bond Fund, NVIT Dynamic U.S. Growth Fund, NVIT Emerging Markets Fund, NVIT iShares® Fixed Income ETF Fund, NVIT iShares® Global Equity ETF Fund, NVIT Managed American Funds Asset Allocation Fund, NVIT Real Estate Fund, and NVIT Short Term Bond Fund were shown to pay actual management fees and to have total expense ratios at levels below or equal to their peer group medians or within a generally acceptable range above the Fund's peer group median. In addition, the Trustees considered that, with the exception of the Funds referred to below in this paragraph, each of those Funds was shown to have experienced three-year performance at or above its peer group median, or within the third quintile of their peer groups. With respect to DoubleLine NVIT Total Return Tactical Fund, NVIT iShares® Fixed Income ETF Fund, and NVIT iShares® Global Equity ETF Fund, the Trustees considered that the Funds had been relatively recently organized and did not have three years of performance. The Trustees considered, with respect to NVIT Core Plus Bond Fund, that the Fund had experienced unfavorable relative three-year performance, but that the performance of the Fund had improved for the one- and two-year periods ended June 30, 2019 to a level that was within an acceptable level of the peer group median. The Trustees determined on the basis of all of the information presented to them that the expense and performance information of each of these Funds was consistent with the continuation of the Fund's advisory agreement.

With respect to Neuberger Berman NVIT Socially Responsible Fund, NVIT Government Bond Fund, NVIT Government Money Market Fund, NVIT Nationwide Fund, Federated NVIT High Income Bond Fund, Amundi NVIT Multi-Sector Bond Fund, NVIT International Equity Fund, and Templeton NVIT International Value

Fund, the Trustees considered that, although each Fund was shown to pay actual management fees higher than its peer group median, its total expense ratio was lower than or within a generally acceptable range of the Fund's peer group median. The Trustees considered that each of NVIT Government Money Market Fund and NVIT Nationwide Fund had experienced three-year performance above its peer group median and that Federated NVIT High Income Bond Fund experienced three-year performance below, but within an acceptable range of, its peer group median. The Trustees considered, with respect to NVIT Government Bond Fund, that the Fund had experienced unfavorable relative three-year performance, but that the performance of the Fund had improved for the one- and two-year periods ended June 30, 2019 to a level that was within an acceptable level of the peer group median. The Trustees considered, with respect to Amundi NVIT Multi-Sector Bond Fund, NVIT International Equity Fund and Templeton NVIT International Value Fund, that each Fund's three-year performance was shown to be below the median of its peer group and in the fourth quintile, and management's statement that each Fund's underperformance was substantially the result of the performance of the sub-adviser's investment style and discipline under current market conditions. They also considered with respect to the Templeton NVIT International Value Fund, the Adviser's statement that it is considering alternative arrangements for the Fund in the coming year, and that the Fund is under heightened investment review in light of its underperformance. The Trustees considered, with respect to Neuberger Berman NVIT Socially Responsible Fund, that the Fund had experienced three-year performance below its peer group median and in the fourth quintile and considered the Adviser's statements that it was considering alternative arrangements for the Fund and that the Fund has been designated to be subject to heightened review in light of its investment performance.

## Supplemental Information (Continued)

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With respect to BlackRock NVIT Equity Dividend Fund, the Trustees considered that the Fund was shown to pay actual management fees at a level equal to its peer group median and the Fund's total expense ratio was higher than the Fund's peer group median in the fifth quintile. The Trustees considered that, although the Fund pays relatively high total expenses, the Fund's overall expense arrangements appeared acceptable, particularly in light of its favorable levels of three-year investment performance shown to be within the first quintile of its peer group.

With respect to American Century NVIT Multi Cap Value Fund, the Trustees considered that the Fund was shown to pay actual management fees and to have a total expense ratio lower than its peer group median. They noted that the Fund had experienced three-year performance below its peer group median and in the fifth quintile and considered the Adviser's statements that it was considering alternative arrangements for the Fund and that the Fund has been designated to be subject to heightened review in light of its investment performance.

With respect to NVIT Managed American Funds Growth & Income Fund, the Trustees considered that, although the Fund's total expense ratio was higher than the Fund's peer group median and in the fourth quintile (of a relatively small peer group), the Fund was shown to pay actual management fees at a level lower than its peer group. They noted that the Fund had experienced three-year performance below its peer group median and in the fourth quintile and considered the Adviser's statements that the volatility overlay that is part of the Fund's investment strategy will have the effect of causing the Fund to underperform its peers under various market conditions, including those experienced in recent periods.

The Trustees determined on the basis of all of the information presented to them, including

any remedial efforts taken or to be taken by the Adviser, that continuation of the Fund's advisory agreements for these Funds was appropriate.

The Trustees considered whether each of the Funds may benefit from any economies of scale realized by the Adviser in the event of growth in assets of the Fund. The Trustees noted that each Fund's advisory fee rate schedule, with the exception of Blackrock NVIT Managed Global Allocation Fund, NVIT iShares® Fixed Income ETF Fund, and NVIT iShares® Global Equity ETF Fund, is subject to contractual advisory fee breakpoints. The Trustees determined to continue to monitor the fees paid by the Funds without breakpoints to determine whether breakpoints might in the future become appropriate.

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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.

### 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 98.00%.

The Fund designates \$26,469,100, 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.



# 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

# Management Information (Continued)

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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

<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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.		
<b>Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years (or Longer)<sup>2</sup></b> None		
<b>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership</b> Significant board experience; significant executive experience, including past service at a large asset management company; significant experience in the investment management industry.		
<b>Douglas F. Kridler</b>		
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex</b>
1955	Trustee since September 1997	119
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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.		
<b>Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup></b> None		
<b>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership</b> 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.		
<b>David C. Wetmore</b>		
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex</b>
1948	Trustee since January 1995; Chairman since February 2005	119
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> Retired; private investor. Mr. Wetmore was a Managing Director of Updata 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.		
<b>Other Directorships held During the Past Five Years<sup>2</sup></b> 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.		
<b>Experience, Qualifications, Attributes, and Skills for Board Membership</b> 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

<b>M. Diane Koken<sup>3</sup></b>		
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Trust and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of Portfolios Overseen in the Nationwide Fund Complex</b>
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

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<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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>	
<b>Stephen R. Rimes</b>	
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>
1970	Secretary, Vice President and Associate General Counsel since December 2019
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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.	
<b>Lee T. Cummings</b>	
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>
1963	Senior Vice President, Head of Fund Operations since December 2015
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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>	
<b>Timothy M. Rooney</b>	
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>
1965	Vice President, Head of Product Development and Acquisitions since December 2015
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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>	
<b>Christopher C. Graham</b>	
<b>Year of Birth</b>	<b>Positions Held with Funds and Length of Time Served<sup>1</sup></b>
1971	Senior Vice President, Head of Investment Strategies, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager since September 2016
<b>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past Five Years (or Longer)</b> 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.

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**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 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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**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.

**J.P. Morgan Mozaic<sup>SM</sup> Index (Series F):** A rules-based, dynamic index that tracks the total return of a global mix of asset classes, including equity securities, fixed-income securities and commodities, through futures contracts on those asset classes. The Index rebalances monthly in an effort to capture the continued performance of asset classes that have exhibited the highest recent returns.

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- The Morningstar Aggressive Target Risk Index seeks approximately 95% exposure to global equity markets.
- The Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index seeks approximately 80% exposure to global equity markets.
- The Morningstar Moderate Target Risk Index seeks approximately 60% exposure to global equity markets.
- The Morningstar Moderately Conservative Target Risk Index seeks approximately 40% exposure to global equity markets.
- The Morningstar Conservative Target Risk Index seeks approximately 20% exposure to global equity markets.

**Note about Morningstar Category<sup>TM</sup>**

The Morningstar Category<sup>TM</sup> is a proprietary Morningstar data point and is assigned based on the underlying securities in each portfolio. Categories make it easier to build well-diversified portfolios, assess potential risk, and identify top-performing funds. A Fund is placed in a category based on its portfolio statistics and compositions over the previous three-year period. If a Fund is new and has no portfolio history, Morningstar assigns a temporary category. When necessary, Morningstar may change a category assignment based on recent changes to a Fund's portfolio.

**MSCI ACWI<sup>®</sup>:** An unmanaged, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large-cap and mid-cap stocks in global developed and emerging markets as determined by MSCI.

**MSCI ACWI<sup>®</sup> ex USA:** An unmanaged, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large-cap and mid-cap stocks in global developed and emerging markets as determined by MSCI; excludes the United States.

**MSCI ACWI<sup>®</sup> ex USA Growth:** An unmanaged, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large-cap and mid-cap growth stocks in global developed and emerging markets as determined by MSCI; excludes the United States.

**MSCI EAFE<sup>®</sup> Index:** An unmanaged, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large-cap and mid-cap stocks in developed markets as determined by MSCI; excludes the United States and Canada.

**MSCI World ex USA Index:** Captures large- and mid-capitalization representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries — excluding the United States. With 1,020 constituents, the index

covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

**MSCI World Index:** An unmanaged, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large-cap and mid-cap stocks in global developed markets as determined by MSCI.

**MSCI EAFE® Value Index:** An unmanaged, free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large-cap and mid-cap value stocks in developed markets as determined by MSCI; excludes the United States and Canada.

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**Russell 1000® Growth Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of the large-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity universe; includes those Russell 1000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

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**Russell 2000® Growth Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of the small-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity universe; includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 2000® Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of the small-capitalization segment of the U.S. equity universe.

**Russell 2000® Value Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of the small-capitalization value segment of the U.S. equity universe; includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

**Russell Midcap® Growth Index:** An unmanaged index that measures the performance of the mid-capitalization growth segment of the U.S. equity universe; includes those Russell Midcap® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

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