

Summary Prospectus April 30, 2021

## Class I / Class II / Class X / Class Y / Class Z

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains information about the Fund and its risks. This Summary Prospectus is intended for use in connection with variable insurance contracts, and is not intended for use by other investors. The Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, each dated April 30, 2021 (as may be supplemented or revised), are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus. For free paper or electronic copies of the Fund's Prospectus and other information about the Fund, go to [nationwide.com/mutualfundsnvit](http://nationwide.com/mutualfundsnvit), email a request to [web\\_help@nationwide.com](mailto:web_help@nationwide.com) or call 800-848-0920, or ask any variable insurance contract provider who offers shares of the Fund as an underlying investment option in its products.

## Objective

The NVIT Columbia Overseas Value Fund seeks to maximize total return consisting of capital appreciation and/or current income.

## Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. Sales charges and other expenses that may be imposed by variable insurance contracts are not included. If these charges were reflected, the expenses listed below would be higher. See the variable insurance contract prospectus, which may impose sales charges and other additional contract-level expenses.

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	Class I Shares	Class II Shares	Class X Shares	Class Y Shares	Class Z Shares
Management Fees	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None	0.25%	None	None	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.27%	0.27%	0.13%	0.12%	0.13%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>1.29%</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	<b>0.89%</b>	<b>1.15%</b>

## Example

This Example is intended to help you to compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example, however, does not include charges that are imposed by variable insurance contracts. If these charges were reflected, the expenses listed below would be higher.

This Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. It assumes a 5% return each year and no change in expenses, and any expense limitation or fee waivers that may apply for the periods indicated above under "Fees and Expenses." Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class I Shares	\$106	\$331	\$574	\$1,271
Class II Shares	131	409	708	1,556
Class X Shares	92	287	498	1,108
Class Y Shares	91	284	493	1,096
Class Z Shares	117	365	633	1,398

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 127.19% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategies

Under normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities issued by companies that are located in, or that derive at least 50% of their earnings or revenues from, a number of countries around the world other than the United States. Typically, the Fund invests in foreign companies that have market capitalizations greater than \$1 billion at the time of purchase. The Fund typically invests in foreign companies in at least three countries, other than the United States. The Fund may also invest in emerging market countries. Emerging market countries typically are developing and low- or middle-income countries. Emerging market countries may be found in regions such as Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Many of the securities in which the Fund invests are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Equity securities in which the Fund invests may include common stocks and related depository receipts. The Fund may have significant investments in one or more countries or in particular sectors, including the financial services sector.

The Fund may use derivatives, such as forwards (including forward foreign currency contracts), futures (including equity futures and index futures) and options (including options on stocks and indices), for both hedging and non-hedging purposes including, for example, for investment purposes to seek to enhance returns or, in certain circumstances, when holding a derivative is deemed preferable to holding the underlying asset. In particular, the Fund may use forward foreign currency contracts to hedge the currency exposure associated with some or all of the Fund’s securities, to shift investment exposure from one currency to another, to shift U.S. dollar exposure to achieve a representative weighted mix of major currencies in its benchmark, or to adjust an underweight country exposure in its portfolio. The Fund may also use equity index futures to manage exposure to the securities market and to maintain equity market exposure while managing cash flows. Forwards, futures and options are derivatives and may expose the Fund to leverage. The Fund may engage in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities.

The Fund has the following limits on its investments, which are applied at the time an investment is made. The Fund:

- normally invests no more than 5% of its total assets in a single security;
- typically limits its investment in any single country or industry to the greater of (i) 20% of its total assets or (ii) 150% of the weighting of that country or industry in the MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East (MSCI EAFE) Value Index (although the Fund’s investments in any single industry are limited at the time of investment to less than 25% of the Fund’s total assets, U.S. Government obligations are not considered to be part of any industry); and
- generally may not invest more than 20% of its total assets in emerging markets.

The subadviser employs fundamental analysis with risk management in identifying value stocks and constructing the Fund’s portfolio.

In selecting investments, the subadviser considers, among other factors:

- businesses that are believed to be fundamentally sound and undervalued due to investor indifference, investor misperception of company prospects, or other factors;
- various measures of valuation, including price-to-cash flow, price-to-earnings, price-to-sales, and price-to-book value. The subadviser believes that companies with valuations that are not reflected in the market price are generally more likely to provide opportunities for capital appreciation;
- a company’s current operating margins relative to its historic range and future potential; and/or
- indicators of potential stock price appreciation, such as anticipated earnings growth, company restructuring, changes in management, business model changes, new product opportunities or anticipated improvements in macroeconomic factors.

The subadviser may sell a security when the security’s price reaches a target set by the subadviser, if it believes there is deterioration in the issuer’s financial circumstances or fundamentals, or it believes another security is a more attractive investment opportunity.

## Principal Risks

The Fund cannot guarantee that it will achieve its investment objective.

As with any fund, the value of the Fund's investments—and therefore, the value of Fund shares—may fluctuate. These changes may occur because of:

**Equity securities risk** – stock markets are volatile. The price of an equity security fluctuates based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions.

**Foreign securities risk** – foreign securities may be more volatile, harder to price and less liquid than U.S. securities. The prices of foreign securities may be further affected by other factors, such as changes in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which the securities are traded.

**Foreign currencies** – foreign securities may be denominated or quoted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates affect the value of a Fund's portfolio. Generally, when the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency loses value because the currency is worth fewer U.S. dollars. Conversely, when the U.S. dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency gains value because the currency is worth more U.S. dollars.

**Market risk** – the risk that one or more markets in which the Fund invests will go down in value, including the possibility that the markets will go down sharply and unpredictably. This may be due to numerous factors, including interest rates, the outlook for corporate profits, the health of the national and world economies, national and world social and political events, and the fluctuation of other stock markets around the world.

The global pandemic outbreak of an infectious respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 has resulted in substantial market volatility and global business disruption, affecting the global economy and the financial health of individual companies in significant and unforeseen ways. The duration and future impact of COVID-19 are currently unknown, which may exacerbate the other risks that apply to the Fund and could negatively affect Fund performance and the value of your investment in the Fund.

**Selection risk** – selection risk is the risk that the securities selected by the Fund's subadviser will underperform the markets, the relevant indexes or the securities selected by other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies.

**Derivatives risk** – derivatives may be volatile and may involve significant risks. The underlying security, measure or other instrument on which a derivative is based, or the derivative itself, may not perform as expected. Normally derivatives involve leverage, which means that their use can magnify significantly the effect of price movements of the underlying securities or reference measures, disproportionately increasing the Fund's losses and reducing the Fund's opportunities for gains. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss,

including a loss that may be greater than the amount invested. They also present default risks if the counterparty to a derivatives contract fails to fulfill its obligations to the Fund. Certain derivatives held by the Fund may be illiquid, including non-exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives that are linked to illiquid instruments or illiquid markets, making it difficult to close out an unfavorable position. Derivatives also may be more difficult to purchase, sell or value than other instruments.

**Forwards** – using forwards can involve greater risks than if the Fund were to invest directly in the underlying securities or assets. Because forwards often involve leverage, their use can significantly magnify the effect of price movements of the underlying securities or reference measures, disproportionately increasing the Fund's losses and reducing the Fund's opportunities for gains. Currently there are few central exchanges or markets for forward contracts, and therefore they may be less liquid than exchange-traded instruments. If a forward counterparty fails to meet its obligations under the contract, the Fund may lose money.

**Futures** – the prices of futures contracts typically are more volatile than those of stocks and bonds. Small movements in the values of the assets or measures of underlying futures contracts can cause disproportionately larger losses to the Fund. While futures may be more liquid than other types of derivatives, they may experience periods when they are less liquid than stocks, bonds or other investments.

**Options** – purchasing and selling options are highly specialized activities and entail greater-than-ordinary investment risks. When options are purchased over the counter, the Fund bears the risk that the counterparty that wrote the option will be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under the option contract. The Fund's ability to close out positions in exchange-listed options depends on the existence of a liquid market. Options that expire unexercised have no value.

**Currency exposure** – the Fund's investments in currency futures and forward foreign currency exchange contracts (collectively, "currency contracts") may involve a small investment relative to the amount of risk assumed. To the extent the Fund enters into these transactions, its success will depend on the subadviser's ability to predict market movements, and their use may have the opposite effect of that intended. Risks include potential loss due to the imposition of controls by a government on the exchange of foreign currencies, the loss of any premium paid to enter into the transaction, delivery failure, default by the other party, or inability to close out a position because the trading market becomes illiquid. Currency contracts may reduce the risk of loss from a change in the value of a currency, but they also limit any potential gains and do not protect against fluctuations in the value of the underlying security.

**Leverage risk** – leverage risk is a direct risk of investing in the Fund. Leverage is investment exposure that exceeds the initial amount invested. Derivatives and other transactions that give rise to leverage may cause the Fund's performance to be more volatile than if the Fund had not been leveraged. Leveraging also may require that the Fund liquidate portfolio securities when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements. Certain derivatives provide the potential for investment gain or loss that may be several times greater than the change in the value of an underlying security, asset, interest rate, index or currency, resulting in the potential for a loss that may be substantially greater than the amount invested. Some leveraged investments have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment.

**Value style risk** – value investing carries the risk that the market will not recognize a security's intrinsic value for a long time or that a stock judged to be undervalued actually may be appropriately priced. In addition, value stocks as a group may be out of favor at times and underperform the overall equity market for long periods while the market concentrates on other types of stocks, such as "growth" stocks.

**Emerging markets risk** – emerging markets are riskier than more developed markets because they tend to develop unevenly and may never fully develop. Investments in emerging markets may be considered speculative. Emerging markets are more likely to experience hyperinflation and currency devaluations, which adversely affect returns to U.S. investors. In addition, many emerging securities markets have far lower trading volumes and less liquidity than developed markets. Since these markets are smaller than developed markets, they may be more likely to suffer sharp and frequent price changes or long-term price depression because of adverse publicity, investor perceptions or the actions of a few large investors. Practices in relation to settlement of securities transactions in emerging markets involve higher risks than those in developed markets, in part because the Fund will need to use brokers and counterparties that are less well capitalized, and custody and registration of assets in some countries may be unreliable compared to developed markets. Companies in emerging market countries generally may be subject to less stringent financial reporting, accounting and auditing standards than companies in more developed countries. In addition, information about such companies may be less available and reliable. Many emerging markets also have histories of political instability and abrupt changes in policies, and the ability to bring and enforce actions may be limited. Certain emerging markets may also face other significant internal or external risks, including the risk of war, nationalization of assets, unexpected market closures and ethnic, religious and racial conflicts.

**Country or sector risk** – if the Fund emphasizes one or more countries or economic sectors, it may be more susceptible to the financial, market or economic events affecting the particular issuers in which it invests than funds that do not emphasize particular countries or sectors.

**Financial Services** – the Fund may be susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting the financial services sector. Financial services companies are subject to extensive government regulation and, as a result, their profitability may be affected by new regulations or regulatory interpretations. Unstable interest rates can have a disproportionate effect on the financial services sector and financial services companies whose securities the Fund may purchase may themselves have concentrated portfolios, which makes them vulnerable to economic conditions that affect that sector. Financial services companies have also been affected by increased competition, which could adversely affect the profitability or viability of such companies.

**Liquidity risk** – when there is little or no active trading market for specific types of securities or instruments, it can become more difficult to sell the securities or instruments at or near their perceived value. An inability to sell a portfolio position can adversely affect the Fund's value or prevent the Fund from being able to take advantage of other investment opportunities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk that the Fund will experience significant net redemptions of its shares at a time when it cannot find willing buyers for its portfolio securities or instruments or can sell its portfolio securities or instruments only at a material loss. To meet redemption requests, the Fund may be forced to sell other securities or instruments that are more liquid, but at unfavorable times and conditions. Investments in foreign securities tend to have more exposure to liquidity risk than domestic securities.

**Smaller company risk** – smaller companies are usually less stable in price and less liquid than larger, more established companies. Smaller companies are more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business and economic developments and may have more limited resources. Therefore, they generally involve greater risk.

**Portfolio turnover risk** – a higher portfolio turnover rate increases transaction costs and may adversely impact the Fund's performance.

*Loss of money is a risk of investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.*

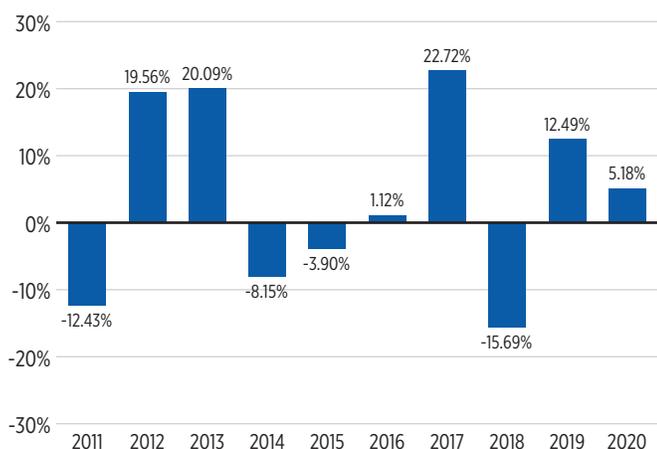
## Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows the volatility or variability of the Fund's annual total returns over time and shows that Fund performance can change from year to year. The table shows the Fund's average annual total

returns for certain time periods compared to the returns of a comparable broad-based securities index. Remember, however, that past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. The returns shown in the bar chart and table do not include charges that will be imposed by variable insurance contracts. If these amounts were reflected, returns would be less than those shown.

Effective April 20, 2020, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC became the Fund's subadviser. If the Fund's current strategies and subadviser had been in place for the periods shown, the performance information would have been different.

### Annual Total Returns – Class I Shares (Years Ended December 31,)



**Highest Quarter: 19.29% – 4Q 2020**

**Lowest Quarter: -24.78% – 1Q 2020**

Class I shares commenced operations on April 30, 2014 upon the conversion of Class III shares (which are no longer offered by the Fund) to Class I shares. Pre-inception historical performance of Class I shares is based on the previous performance of Class III shares. The Fund had not commenced offering Class II or Class Y shares as of the date of this Prospectus. Class X and Class Z shares commenced operations on October 12, 2020. Pre-inception historical performance for Class II, Class X, Class Y and Class Z shares is based on the previous performance of Class I shares. Performance for Class II and Class Z shares has been adjusted to reflect those share classes' higher expenses than those of Class I shares. Performance for Class X and Class Y shares has not been adjusted to reflect those share classes' lower expenses than those of Class I shares.

### Average Annual Total Returns (For the Periods Ended December 31, 2020)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class I Shares	5.18%	4.36%	3.23%
Class II Shares	4.91%	4.10%	2.97%
Class X Shares	5.18%	4.36%	3.23%
Class Y Shares	5.18%	4.36%	3.23%
Class Z Shares	5.09%	4.25%	3.12%
MSCI EAFE Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees or expenses)	-2.63%	4.20%	3.37%

### Portfolio Management

#### Investment Adviser

Nationwide Fund Advisors

#### Subadviser

Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC

#### Portfolio Managers

Portfolio Manager	Title	Length of Service with Fund
Fred Copper, CFA	Senior Portfolio Manager	Since 2020
Daisuke Nomoto, CMA (SAAJ)	Senior Portfolio Manager	Since 2020

### Tax Information

The dividends and distributions paid by the Fund to the insurance company separate accounts will consist of ordinary income, capital gains, or some combination of both. Because shares of the Fund must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable insurance contracts, such dividends and distributions will be exempt from current taxation by contract holders if left to accumulate within a separate account. Consult the variable insurance contract prospectus for additional tax information.

## **Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

This Fund is only offered as an underlying investment option for variable insurance contracts. The Fund and its related companies may make payments to the sponsoring insurance companies (or their affiliates) for distribution and/or other services, and to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries that distribute the variable insurance contracts. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance companies to include the Fund as an underlying investment option in the variable insurance contracts, and by influencing the broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries to distribute variable insurance contracts that include the Fund as an underlying investment option over other variable insurance contracts or to otherwise recommend the selection of the Fund as an underlying investment option by contract owners instead of other funds that also may be available investment options. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable insurance contract may contain additional information about these payments.