



## **Power Income VIT Fund**

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**Class 2 shares**

## **PROSPECTUS**

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## **FUND SUMMARY – POWER INCOME VIT FUND**

**Investment Objectives:** The Power Income VIT Fund’s (the “Fund”) primary investment objective is total return from income and capital appreciation with capital preservation as a secondary objective.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund:** This table describes the annual operating expenses that you may indirectly pay if you invest in the Fund through your retirement plan or if you allocate your insurance contract premiums or payments to the Fund. However, each insurance contract and separate account involves fees and expenses that are not described in this Prospectus. If the fees and expenses of your insurance contract or separate account were included in this table, your overall expenses would be higher. You should review the insurance contract prospectus for a complete description of fees and expenses. In the table below, Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are the indirect costs of investing in other investment companies.

<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</b>	<b>Class 1 Shares</b>	<b>Class 2 Shares</b>
Management Fees	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	None	0.50%
Other Expenses	1.39%	1.39%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>0.59%</u>	<u>0.59%</u>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	2.98%	3.48%
Fee Waiver and Reimbursement <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.39)%	(0.39)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver	2.59%	3.09%

- (1) Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are the indirect costs of investing in other investment companies. The operating expenses in this fee table will not correlate to the expense ratio in the Fund’s financial highlights because the financial statements include only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Fund.
- (2) The adviser has contractually agreed to waive its management fees and to make payments to limit Fund expenses, until April 30, 2020 so that the total annual operating expenses exclusive of “(i) any front-end or contingent deferred loads; (ii) brokerage fees and commissions; (iii) acquired fund fees and expenses; (iv) fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example options and swap fees and expenses); (v) borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); (vi) taxes; and (vii) extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the adviser) of the Fund do not exceed 2.00% and 2.50% for Class 1 and Class 2 Shares, respectively. These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved within the foregoing expense limits. This agreement may be terminated only by the Fund’s Board of Trustees, on 60 days’ written notice to the adviser.

**Example:** This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. You would pay the same expenses if you did not redeem your shares. However, each insurance contract and separate account involves fees and expenses that are not included in the Example. If these fees and expenses were included in the Example, your overall expenses would be higher. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based upon these assumptions your costs would be:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>1 Year</u></b>	<b><u>3 Years</u></b>	<b><u>5 Years</u></b>	<b><u>10 Years</u></b>
Class 1	\$262	\$885	\$1,533	\$3,272
Class 2	\$312	\$1,032	\$1,774	\$3,731

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its Fund). These costs, which are not reflected in annual Fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 199% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** The Fund's investment Adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's primary investment objective by investing in an income-producing fixed income and alternative strategy exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). The adviser invests Fund assets in ETFs without restriction as to minimum issuer credit quality, sector, capitalization, country of origin, or security maturity. Fixed income ETFs may invest in non-investment grade fixed-income securities, commonly known as "high yield" or "junk bonds", that are rated below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service or similarly by another rating agency. The Fund considers alternative strategy ETFs to be those that invest in commodities, currencies and other alternative assets REITs and master-limited partnerships (MLPs"). The Fund may also invest in ETFs that primarily invest in dividend-paying securities of U.S., foreign and emerging market issuers. The Fund considers emerging market issuers to be those countries represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund may also invest in other mutual funds that are advised by the Fund's adviser.

The Adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's secondary investment objective by reallocating the Fund's investment portfolio to short-term maturity fixed income ETFs when it believes fixed income markets will decline. During such periods, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in such short-term maturity fixed income ETFs. Accordingly, the Fund may not be able to achieve its primary investment objective of total return during these periods.

The adviser tactically allocates the Fund's assets based on credit research and long-term market trends. In selecting ETFs for the Fund's portfolio, the adviser considers an ETF's underlying holdings, the investment exposure of the ETF and its liquidity.

The Adviser may engage in frequent buying and selling of securities to achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

**Principal Investment Risks:** *As with all mutual funds, there is the risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Fund. Many factors affect the Fund's net asset value and performance.*

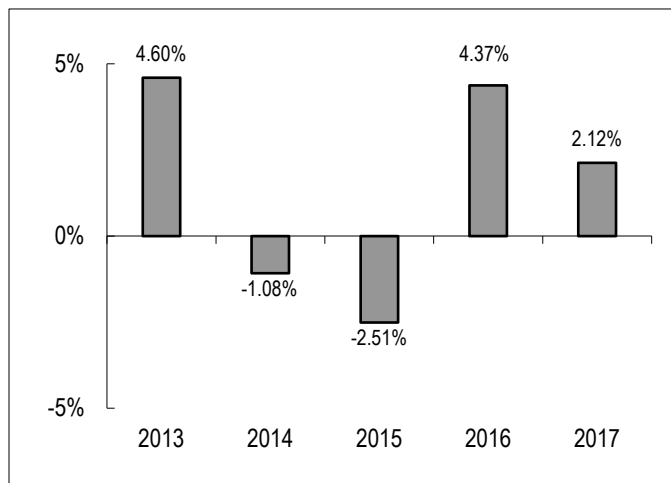
The following risks apply to the Fund through its investments in ETFs and mutual funds.

- **Affiliated Fund Risk.** The Fund may invest in other mutual funds that are also advised by the Fund's adviser (the "Affiliated Funds"). The Adviser, therefore, is subject to conflicts of interest in allocating the Fund's assets among the Affiliated Funds. The Adviser may receive more revenue to the extent it selects Affiliated Fund rather than an unaffiliated fund for inclusion in the Fund's portfolio. In addition, the Adviser may have an incentive to allocate the Fund's assets to those Affiliated Funds for which the net advisory fees payable to the Adviser are higher than the fees payable by other Affiliated Funds.
- **Commodities Risk.** Investing in the commodities markets may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Commodity prices may be influenced by unfavorable weather, animal and plant disease, geologic and environmental factors as well as changes in government regulation such as tariffs, embargoes or burdensome production rules and restrictions.
- **Currency Risk.** If the Fund invests in ETFs that trade in, and receive revenues in, foreign currencies, it will be subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. As a result, the Fund's exposure to foreign currency-denominated securities may reduce the Fund's returns.
- **Duration Risk:** Longer-term securities may be more sensitive to interest rate changes. Given the recent, historically low interest rates and the potential for increases in those rates, a heightened risk is posed by rising interest rates to a fund whose portfolios include longer-term fixed income securities. Duration is the measure of the sensitivity of a debt security to changes in market interest rates. For example, if interest rates increase by 1%, a fixed income security with a duration of two years will decrease in value by approximately 2%.
- **Emerging Market Risk.** There are typically greater risks involved in investing in emerging markets securities. Generally, economic structures in these countries are less diverse and mature than those in developed countries and their political systems tend to be less stable. Emerging market economies may be based on only a few industries, therefore security issuers, including governments, may be more susceptible to economic weakness and more likely to default. Emerging market countries also may have relatively unstable governments, weaker economies, and less-developed legal systems with fewer security holder rights. Investments in emerging markets countries may be affected by government policies that restrict foreign investment in certain issuers or industries.

- *ETF Risk.* ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. As a result, your cost of investing in the Fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other mutual funds and ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in fixed income securities and equities. ETFs are listed on national stock exchanges and are traded like stocks listed on an exchange. ETF shares may trade at a discount to or a premium above net asset value if there is a limited market in such shares. ETFs are also subject to brokerage and other trading costs, which could result in greater expenses to the Fund.
- *Fixed Income Risk:* When the Fund invests in fixed income securities, the value of the Fund will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Defaults by fixed income issuers in which the Fund invests will also harm performance. Recently, interest rates have been historically low. Current conditions may result in a rise in interest rates, which in turn may result in a decline in the value of the fixed income investments held by the fund. As a result, for the present, interest rate risk may be heightened.
- *Foreign Risk.* Foreign investing involves risks not typically associated with U.S. investments, including adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values, adverse political, social and economic developments, less liquidity, greater volatility, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards. Investing in emerging markets imposes risks different from, or greater than, risks of investing in foreign developed countries.
- *Junk Bond Risk:* Lower-quality bonds, known as “high yield” or “junk” bonds, present greater risk than bonds of higher quality, including an increased risk of default. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates could adversely affect the market for these bonds and reduce the Fund’s ability to sell its bonds. The lack of a liquid market for these bonds could decrease the Fund’s share price.
- *Liquidity Risk:* Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the fund’s returns because the fund may be unable to transact at advantageous times or prices. Recently, interest rates have been historically low. Current conditions may result in a rise in interest rates, and a potential rise in interest rates may result in periods of volatility and increased redemptions. As a result of increased redemptions, the fund may have to liquidate portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices and times, which could reduce the returns of the fund. The reduction in dealer market-making capacity in the fixed income markets that has occurred in recent years also has the potential to decrease liquidity.
- *Management Risk:* The Adviser’s judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular security in which the Fund invests may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results.
- *Master-Limited Partnership (“MLP”) Risk.* Investments in MLPs and MLP related securities involve risks different from those of investing in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP or MLP-related security, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between an MLP and the MLP’s general partner, cash flow risks, dilution risks and risks related to the general partner’s limited call right. MLPs and MLP-related securities are generally considered interest-rate sensitive investments. During periods of interest rate volatility, these investments may not provide attractive returns. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the use of MLPs or MLP-related securities could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Fund.
- *Mutual Fund - Risk:* Mutual funds are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. As a result, your cost of investing in the Fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other mutual funds and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in fixed income securities. Each mutual fund is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund.
- *REIT Risk.* Investing in real estate investment trusts, or “REITs”, involves certain unique risks in addition to those associated with the real estate sector generally. REITs whose underlying properties are concentrated in a particular industry or region are also subject to risks affecting such industries and regions. REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are also subject to interest rate risks. By investing in REITs through the Fund, a shareholder will bear expenses of the REITs in addition to Fund expenses.
- *Turnover Risk:* A higher portfolio turnover will result in higher transactional and brokerage costs.

**Performance:** The bar chart and performance table set out below help show the returns and risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows performance of the Class 2 shares of the Fund for each full calendar year since the Fund's inception. The performance table compares the performance of the Fund over time to the performance of a broad-based securities market index. You should be aware that the Fund's past performance may not be an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at no cost by visiting [www.powermutualfunds.com](http://www.powermutualfunds.com) or by calling 1-877-7-PWRINC.

**Performance Bar Chart for Calendar Years Ended December 31<sup>1</sup>**



Best Quarter:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016	2.56%
Worst Quarter:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014	(2.41)%

<sup>1</sup> The returns are for Class 2 Shares, which have substantially similar annual returns as the Class 1 shares because the shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities and the returns for Class 1 Shares would differ only to the extent that the classes do not have the same expenses.

**Performance Table  
Average Annual Total Returns  
(For periods ended December 31, 2017)**

	One Year	Five Years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
Class 2 Shares	2.12%	1.46%	1.76%
Class 1 Shares	4.42%	3.30%	3.46%
Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index <sup>(2)</sup>	3.54%	2.10%	2.34%

(1) The Inception date of the Power Income VIT Fund is April 30, 2012.

(2) The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index is a market capitalization-weighted index, meaning the securities in the index are weighted according to the market size of each bond type. Most U.S. traded investment grade bonds are represented. Municipal bonds and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities are excluded, due to tax treatment issues. The index includes U.S. Treasury securities, Government agency bonds, mortgage-backed bonds, corporate bonds, and a small amount of foreign bonds traded in U.S. Unlike the Fund's returns, the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index does not reflect any fees or expenses. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

**Investment Adviser:** W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC

**Portfolio Managers:** Richard E. Molari, COO, Jeffrey R. Thompson, President and CEO of the adviser and William B. Dowler, Treasurer and Chief Compliance Officer of the adviser, John Forlines, CIO of the adviser and Robert Shea, President of the adviser each serve the Fund as a Portfolio Co-Manager. Each Portfolio Co-Manager is primarily and jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dowler have each served the Fund as a Portfolio Co-Manager since it commenced operations in 2010. Mr. Molari has served the Fund as a Portfolio Co-Manager since October 2016. Mr. Forlines and Mr. Shea have served the Fund as Portfolio Co-Managers since October 2018.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares:** Shares of the Fund are intended to be sold to certain separate accounts of the participating life insurance companies, as well as qualified pension and retirement plans and certain unregistered separate accounts. You and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts, variable life contracts, participants in pension and retirement plans will not own shares of the Fund directly. Rather, all shares will be held by the separate accounts or plans for your benefit and the benefit of other purchasers or participants. Please refer to your insurance contract prospectus or retirement plan documents for additional information on purchase and sale of shares. You may purchase and redeem shares of the Fund on any day that the New York Stock Exchange is open, or as permitted under your insurance contract, separate account or retirement plan.

**Tax Information:** It is the Fund's intention to distribute all realized income and gains. Generally, owners of variable insurance contracts are not taxed currently on income or gains realized with respect to such contracts. However, some distributions from such contracts may be taxable at ordinary income tax rates. In addition, distributions made to an owner who is younger than 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% penalty tax. Investors should ask their own tax advisors for more information on their own tax situation, including possible state or local taxes. Please refer to your insurance contract prospectus or retirement plan documents for additional information on taxes.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries:** If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or insurance company), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson for more information.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RELATED RISKS**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS AND ADVISER**

This Prospectus describes the Power Income VIT Fund, a series of Northern Lights Variable Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust"). W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC (the "Adviser") serves as each Fund's investment Adviser. The Fund is intended to be funding vehicles for variable annuity contracts and flexible premium variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of various insurance companies.

The Trust has received an exemptive order from the SEC ("Exemptive Order") that permits the portfolios of the Trust, including the Fund, to sell shares to separate accounts of unaffiliated insurance companies, and pension and retirement plans that qualify for special income tax treatment. These arrangements may present certain conflicts of interest due to differences in tax treatment and other considerations such that the interests of various variable contract owners participating in a portfolio and the interests of pension and retirement plans investing in a portfolio may conflict. For example, violation of the federal tax laws by one insurance company separate account investing directly or indirectly in a portfolio could cause other variable insurance products funded by the separate account of another insurance company to lose their tax-deferred status unless remedial actions were taken. It is possible that a difference may arise among the interests of the holders of different types of contracts - for example, if applicable state insurance law or contract owner instructions prevent a participating insurance company from continuing to invest in a portfolio following a change in the portfolio's investment policies, or if different tax laws apply to flexible premium variable life insurance contracts and variable annuities. The Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") and each participating insurance company will attempt to monitor events to prevent such differences from arising. As a condition of the Exemptive Order, the Board will monitor events in order to identify any material irreconcilable conflicts which may arise (such as those arising from tax or other differences), and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response to such conflicts. If such a conflict were to occur, one or more insurance companies' separate accounts might be required to withdraw their investments in one or more of the portfolios. This might force a portfolio, such as one of the Funds, to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices which could cause a decrease in the portfolio's NAV.

Individual variable annuity contract holders and flexible premium variable life insurance policy holders are not "shareholders" of each Fund. The participating insurance company and its separate accounts are the shareholders or investors, although such company will pass through voting rights to its variable annuity contract or flexible premium variable life insurance policy holders. Shares of the Fund are not offered directly to the general public.

The Fund has its own distinct investment objective, strategies and risks. The Adviser, under the supervision of the Board, is responsible for constructing and monitoring the investment objective and principal investment strategies of the Fund. The Fund invests within a specific segment (or portion) of the capital markets and invests in a wide variety of securities consistent with its investment objective and style. The potential risks and returns of the Fund vary with the degree to which the Fund invests in a particular market segment and/or asset class.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The primary investment objective of the Power Income VIT Fund is total return from income and capital appreciation with capital preservation as a secondary objective. The Fund's investment objectives may be changed without shareholder approval by the Fund's Board of Trustees upon 60 days written notice to shareholders.



## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

### Power Income VIT Fund

The Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's primary investment objective by investing in income-producing fixed income and alternative strategy exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). The adviser invests Fund assets in ETFs without restriction as to minimum issuer credit quality, sector, capitalization, country of origin, or security maturity. Fixed income ETFs may invest in non-investment grade fixed income securities, commonly known as "high yield" or "junk" bonds. The Fund defines junk bonds as those rated lower than Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") or lower than BBB- by Standard and Poor's Rating Group ("S&P"), or if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of similar credit quality. The Fund considers alternative strategy ETFs to be those that invest in commodities, currencies and other alternative assets. The Fund may also invest in ETFs that primarily invest in dividend-paying equity securities of U.S., foreign and emerging market issuers. In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund may also invest in other mutual funds that are advised by the Fund's adviser. The Adviser does not select securities but instead, invests the Fund's assets in open end investment companies ("mutual funds") and exchange traded funds ("ETFs").

The adviser's investment process combines a Tactical and Strategic top-down macro approach to asset allocation with a global orientation. The portfolio invests in ETFs that feature high yields across three asset classes - fixed income, equity and alternatives- by taking a long-term secular view with tactical positioning during the shorter-term business and credit cycles. The adviser bases investment decisions on fundamental credit-driven research. The adviser seeks to identify long-term global trends and invest in asset classes the adviser believes will appreciate in value as these trends continue.

The adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's secondary investment objective by reallocating the Fund's investment portfolio to short-term maturity fixed income ETFs when it believes fixed income markets will decline. During such periods, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in such short-term maturity fixed income ETFs. Accordingly, the Fund may not be able to achieve its primary investment objective of total return during these periods.

The Adviser selects mutual funds and ETFs without restriction as to minimum issuer credit quality, sector, country of origin, or security maturity with respect to the fixed income securities held by these funds. The Fund may invest in mutual funds and ETFs that employ derivatives, such as swap contracts, to obtain exposure to junk or U.S. Treasury bond returns. The Fund does not invest in derivatives directly and will limit investment in mutual funds and ETFs that invest primarily in derivatives to 50% of Fund assets.

The adviser may engage in frequent buying and selling of securities to achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

The following risks apply to the Fund:

- *Affiliated Fund Risk.* The Fund may invest in other mutual funds that are also advised by the Fund's adviser (the "Affiliated Funds"). The Adviser, therefore, is subject to conflicts of interest in allocating the Fund's assets among the Affiliated Funds. The Adviser may receive more revenue to the extent it selects Affiliated Fund rather than an unaffiliated fund for inclusion in the Fund's portfolio. In addition, the Adviser may have an incentive to allocate the Fund's assets to those Affiliated Funds for which the net advisory fees payable to the Adviser are higher than the fees payable by other Affiliated Funds.
- *Commodities Risk.* The Fund's exposure to the commodities futures markets may subject the Fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments, commodity-based notes may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or sectors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

- *Currency Risk:* Currency trading involves significant risks, including market risk, interest rate risk, country risk, counterparty credit risk and short sale risk. Market risk results from the price movement of foreign currency values in response to shifting market supply and demand. Since exchange rate changes can readily move in one direction, a currency position carried overnight or over a number of days may involve greater risk than one carried a few minutes or hours. Interest rate risk arises whenever a country changes its stated interest rate target associated with its currency. Country risk arises because virtually every country has interfered with international transactions in its currency. Interference has taken the form of regulation of the local exchange market, restrictions on foreign investment by residents or limits on inflows of investment funds from abroad. Restrictions on the exchange market or on international transactions are intended to affect the level or movement of the exchange rate. This risk could include the country issuing a new currency, effectively making the “old” currency worthless.
- *Duration Risk:* Longer-term securities may be more sensitive to interest rate changes. Given the recent, historically low interest rates and the potential for increases in those rates, a heightened risk is posed by rising interest rates to a fund whose portfolios include longer-term fixed income securities. Duration is the measure of the sensitivity of a debt security to changes in market interest rates. For example, if interest rates increase by 1%, a fixed income security with a duration of two years will decrease in value by approximately 2%.
- *Emerging Market Risk.* The Fund may have investment exposure to countries with newly organized or less developed securities markets. There are typically greater risks involved in investing in emerging markets securities. Generally, economic structures in these countries are less diverse and mature than those in developed countries and their political systems tend to be less stable. Emerging market economies may be based on only a few industries, therefore security issuers, including governments, may be more susceptible to economic weakness and more likely to default. Emerging market countries also may have relatively unstable governments, weaker economies, and less-developed legal systems with fewer security holder rights. Investments in emerging markets countries may be affected by government policies that restrict foreign investment in certain issuers or industries. The potentially smaller size of their securities markets and lower trading volumes can make investments relatively illiquid and potentially more volatile than investments in developed countries, and such securities may be subject to abrupt and severe price declines. Due to this relative lack of liquidity, the Fund may have to accept a lower price or may not be able to sell a portfolio security at all. An inability to sell a portfolio position can adversely affect the Fund’s value or prevent the Fund from being able to meet cash obligations or take advantage of other investment opportunities.
- *Fixed Income Risk:* When the Fund invests in fixed income securities, the value of your investment in the Fund will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of the fixed income securities owned by the Fund. Recently, interest rates have been historically low. Current conditions may result in a rise in interest rates, which in turn may result in a decline in the value of the fixed income investments held by the fund. As a result, for the present, interest rate risk may be heightened. In general, the market price of debt securities with longer maturities will increase or decrease more in response to changes in interest rates than shorter-term securities. Other risk factors impacting fixed income securities include credit risk, maturity risk, market risk, extension or prepayment risk, illiquid security risks and high yield securities risk. These risks could affect the value of a particular investment by the Fund possibly causing the Fund’s share price and total return to be reduced and fluctuate more than other types of investments.
- *Foreign Risk.* To the extent the Fund invest in foreign securities, the Fund could be subject to greater risks because the Fund’s performance may depend on issues other than the performance of a particular company or U.S. market sector. Changes in foreign economies and political climates are more likely to affect the Fund than a mutual fund that invests exclusively in U.S. companies. The value of foreign securities is also affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. There may also be less government supervision of foreign markets, resulting in non-uniform accounting practices and less publicly available information. The values of foreign investments may be affected by changes in exchange control regulations, application of foreign tax laws (including withholding tax), changes in governmental administration or economic or monetary policy (in this country or abroad) or changed circumstances in dealings between nations. In addition, foreign brokerage commissions, custody fees and other costs of investing in foreign securities are generally higher than in the United States. Investments in foreign issues could be affected by other factors not present in the United States, including expropriation, armed conflict, confiscatory taxation, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations.

- *Junk Bond Risk:* Lower-quality bonds, known as “high yield” or “junk” bonds, present a significant risk for loss of principal and interest. These bonds offer the potential for higher return, but also involve greater risk than bonds of higher quality, including an increased possibility that the bond’s issuer, obligor or guarantor may not be able to make its payments of interest and principal (credit quality risk). If that happens, the value of the bond may decrease, and the Fund’s share price may decrease and its income distribution may be reduced. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates (interest rate risk) could adversely affect the market for these bonds and reduce the Fund’s ability to sell its bonds (liquidity risk). Such securities may also include “Rule 144A” securities, which are subject to resale restrictions. The lack of a liquid market for these bonds could decrease the Fund’s share price.
- *Liquidity Risk:* Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the fund’s returns because the fund may be unable to transact at advantageous times or prices. Recently, interest rates have been historically low. Current conditions may result in a rise in interest rates, and a potential rise in interest rates may result in periods of volatility and increased redemptions. As a result of increased redemptions, the fund may have to liquidate portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices and times, which could reduce the returns of the fund. The reduction in dealer market-making capacity in the fixed income markets that has occurred in recent years also has the potential to decrease liquidity.
- *Management Risk:* The net asset value of the Fund changes daily based on the performance of the securities in which it invests. The ability of the Fund to meet its investment objectives is directly related to the Adviser’s allocation of the Fund’s assets between hedged and unhedged positions using its investment strategy. The Adviser’s objective judgments, based its investment strategies, about the attractiveness and potential appreciation of particular investments in which the Fund invests may prove to be incorrect and there is no guarantee that the Adviser’s investment strategy will produce the desired results.
- *Master-Limited Partnership Risk (“MLPs”).* Investments in MLPs and MLP-related securities involve risks different from those of investing in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP or MLP-related security, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between an MLP and the MLP’s general partner, cash flow risks, dilution risks (which could occur if the MLP raises capital and then invests it in projects whose return fails to exceed the cost of capital raised) and risks related to the general partner’s limited call right. MLPs and MLP-related securities are generally considered interest-rate sensitive investments. During periods of interest rate volatility, these investments may not provide attractive returns. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the use of MLPs or MLP-related securities could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Fund.
  - *MLP Tax Risk.* MLPs, typically, do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. Instead, each partner is allocated a share of the partnership’s income, gains, losses, deductions and expenses. A change in current tax law or in the underlying business mix of a given MLP could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in such MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP. Thus, if any of the MLPs owned by the Fund were treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction of the value of your investment in the Fund and lower income, as compared to an MLP that is not taxed as a corporation.
- *Mutual Fund and ETF Risk:* Mutual funds and ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. As a result, your cost of investing in the Fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other mutual funds and ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in fixed income securities. ETFs are listed on national stock exchanges and are traded like stocks listed on an exchange. ETF shares may trade at a discount or a premium in market price if there is a limited market in such shares. ETFs are also subject to brokerage and other trading costs, which could result in greater expenses to the Fund. Mutual funds and ETFs may employ leverage. Because the value of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market, the Adviser may not be able to liquidate the Fund’s holdings at the most optimal time, adversely affecting performance. ETFs and index-tracking mutual funds in which the Fund invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track.
  - *Strategy Risk.* Each ETF and mutual fund is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund. These risks could include liquidity risk, sector risk, foreign and emerging market risk.

- *Tracking Risk.* ETFs and index-tracking mutual funds in which the Fund invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track because the total return generated by the securities will be reduced by transaction costs incurred in adjusting the actual balance of the securities or index. In addition, the funds will incur expenses not incurred by their applicable indices. Certain securities comprising the indices tracked by the funds may, from time to time, temporarily be unavailable, which may further impede the ETFs' and mutual funds' ability to track their applicable indices.
- **REIT Risk.** The Fund's investment exposure to REITs may subject the fund to the following additional risks: declines in the value of real estate, changes in interest rates, lack of available mortgage Fund or other limits on obtaining capital, overbuilding, extended vacancies of properties, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, changes in zoning laws and regulations, casualty or condemnation losses and tax consequences of the failure of a REIT to comply with tax law requirements. The Fund will bear a proportionate share of the REIT's ongoing operating fees and expenses, which may include management, operating and administrative expenses in addition to the expenses of the Fund.
- *Turnover Risk:* A higher Fund turnover may result in higher transactional and brokerage costs associated with the turnover which may reduce the Fund's return, unless the securities traded can be bought and sold without corresponding commission costs. Active trading of securities may also increase the Fund's realized capital gains or losses, which may affect the taxes you pay as a Fund shareholder.

**Temporary Investments:** To respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, the Fund may invest 100% of its total assets, without limitation, in short-term debt securities and money market instruments. The Fund may be invested in these instruments for extended periods, depending on the Adviser's assessment of market conditions. These short-term debt securities and money market instruments may include shares of other mutual funds, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, U.S. Government securities and repurchase agreements. While a Fund is in a defensive position, the opportunity to achieve its investment objective will be limited. Furthermore, to the extent that a Fund invests in money market mutual funds for its cash position, there will be some duplication of expenses because the Fund would bear its pro-rata portion of such money market funds' advisory and operational fees. The Fund may also invest a substantial portion of its assets in such instruments at any time to maintain liquidity or pending selection of investments in accordance with its policies.

**Portfolio Holdings Disclosure:** A description of the Fund's policies regarding the release of portfolio holdings information is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information. Shareholders may request Fund holdings schedules at no charge by calling 1-877-7-PWRINC.

**Cybersecurity:** The computer systems, networks and devices used by the Fund and its service providers to carry out routine business operations employ a variety of protections designed to prevent damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and security breaches. Despite the various protections utilized by each Fund and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. Each Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result of a cybersecurity breach.

Cybersecurity breaches can include unauthorized access to systems, networks, or devices; infection from computer viruses or other malicious software code; and attacks that shut down, disable, slow, or otherwise disrupt operations, business processes, or website access or functionality. Cybersecurity breaches may cause disruptions and impact each Fund's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of each Fund, the Adviser, and other service providers to transact business; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs; as well as the inadvertent release of confidential information.

Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity breaches affecting issuers of securities in which the Fund invests; counterparties with which each Fund engages in transactions; governmental and other regulatory authorities; exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies, and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and service providers for each Fund's shareholders); and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred by these entities in order to prevent any cybersecurity breaches in the future.

## **MANAGEMENT**

**Investment Adviser:** W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC, located at One International Place, Boston, MA 02110, serves as investment Adviser to the Fund. Subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees, the Adviser is responsible for the overall management of the Fund's business affairs. The Adviser is responsible for selecting the Fund's investments according to its investment objective, policies, and restrictions. The Adviser was established in 1986 for the purpose of advising individuals and institutions. As of December 31, 2017, the Adviser had over \$3.464 billion in assets under management or under advisement.

The Adviser receives an annual advisory fee equal to 1.00% of the Power Income VIT Fund's average daily net assets.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Adviser received an annual advisory fee equal to 0.61% of the Power Income VIT Fund's average daily net assets. The Fund's Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least April 30, 2020, to ensure that Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Reimbursement (exclusive of any front-end or contingent deferred loads, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example options and swap fees and expenses), borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), taxes, and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser)) will not exceed 2.00% and 2.50% for Class 1 and Class 2 shares, respectively; subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years on a rolling three year basis (within the three fiscal years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved within the foregoing expense limits. Fee waiver and reimbursement arrangements can decrease the Fund's expenses and boost its performance. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the advisory agreement is available in the Fund's most recent annual shareholder report dated December 31, 2016.

### **Portfolio Managers:**

Richard E. Molari – *Chief Operations Officer*

Mr. Molari is an accomplished investment management operations and global trading specialist with over fifteen years of industry experience. He has extensive knowledge of international equity, fixed income and currency markets as well as back and middle office operations, portfolio accounting and compliance regulations. Rick joined W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC in 2014 to manage the trading and operations team.

Prior to his current role, Rick spent nine years at a multi-billion dollar Boston based global hedge fund, trading international equities and managing trade operations. He started his professional career in fund accounting and back office administration with BISYS Hedge Fund Services Inc. Rick holds a dual Bachelor's of Science degree from Northeastern University in Finance and Entrepreneurship. He is currently an active member of the Boston Securities Traders Association and the Boston Security Analysts Society.

Jeffrey R. Thompson – *Chief Executive Officer*

Mr. Thompson has served as the adviser's Principal and previously Senior Vice President since 1999. He currently holds a Series 65. In addition, Mr. Thompson is a corporate officer as well as a member of the adviser's Investment Policy Committee. Previously, Mr. Thompson worked as an Account Executive for national and super regional firms Lehman Brothers, Gruntal & Co., and Cowen & Co. from 1992-1996. There he worked with individual investors as well as institutional investors recommending and trading individual securities. Additionally, BTS Asset Management employed Mr. Thompson from 1996-1998 as a Regional Vice President providing investment advisory services to institutional clients. Mr. Thompson has more than 22 years' experience in the financial services industry.

William B. Dowler – *Treasurer and Chief Compliance Officer*

Mr. Dowler has served as the adviser's Principal and Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer since 2002. Mr. Dowler has had two separate occasions to work for W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC (1994-1999 and 2002 to present). Mr. Dowler is a corporate officer as well as a member of the adviser's Investment Policy Committee. Mr. Dowler holds a Series 65, as well as Life, Accident and Health Insurance Brokerage Licenses. Previously, Mr. Dowler worked as an investment professional with independent and national firms, such as Advisory Group Equity Services, Jefferson Pilot Securities and Franklin Securities. Prior to working as being an investment professional, Mr. Dowler was an assistant manager of mutual fund operations with State Street Bank and Trust, Co. Mr. Dowler has more than 26 years' experience in the financial services industry.

John A. Forlines – *Chief Investment Officer*

Mr. Forlines has served as Chief Investment Officer of W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC since joining the firm in 2018. Prior to joining the adviser, Mr. Forlines was Chairman and CIO of JAForldines Global, an independent investment adviser, since its inception in 2000. Mr. Forlines is an Executive in Residence in the Department of Economics at Duke where he teaches classes in behavioral finance and decision making. In addition to his work at W.E. Donoghue and Duke University, Mr. Forlines is the Managing Partner of the Forlines Family Office, which is active primarily in charitable support for education in the United States. Mr. Forlines enjoyed a long career with J.P. Morgan from 1985-2000, serving various roles within the firm, including Vice President of Structured Products, Co-Head of the U.S. Private Equity Group, Managing Director in the Securities Business Development Group and Managing Director and Co-Head of U.S. Tech, Media & Telecom Investment Banking.

Robert Shea – *President*

Mr. Shea is the President of W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC. Prior to joining the adviser in January 2018, he served as CEO and Co-Chair of the Investment Committee at JAForldines Global since 2014. Mr. Shea also served as the Portfolio Manager at American Independence Fund Services from 2013 to 2014. Mr. Shea is a former partner at Goldman Sachs and was a founder and CIO of AsiaSource Capital, a partnership based in the U.S. and Singapore. Spending 14 years at Goldman Sachs, Mr. Shea was partner in charge of cash equity and sector based proprietary trading and also served as a member of Goldman's Equity Division Risk and Global Trading Committees.

The Fund's Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the Portfolio Managers' compensation structure, other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers, and the Portfolio Managers' ownership of shares of the Fund.

## **HOW SHARES ARE PRICED**

The public offering price and net asset value (“NAV”) of each Fund’s shares are determined at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open for business. NAV is computed by determining the aggregate market value of all assets of each Fund less its liabilities divided by the total number of the Fund’s shares outstanding ((assets-liabilities)/number of shares = NAV). The NYSE is closed on weekends and New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The NAV takes into account the expenses and fees of each Fund, including investment advisory, administration, and distribution fees, which are accrued daily. The determination of the NAV of each Fund for a particular day is applicable to all applications for the purchase of shares, as well as all requests for the redemption of shares, received by the Fund (or an authorized broker or agent, or its authorized designee) before the close of trading on the NYSE on that day.

Generally, securities are valued each day at the last quoted sales price on each security’s principal exchange. Securities traded or dealt in on one or more securities exchanges (whether domestic or foreign) for which market quotations are readily available and not subject to restrictions against resale shall be valued at the last quoted sales price on the primary exchange or, in the absence of a sale on the primary exchange, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on such exchange. Securities primarily traded in the National Association of Securities Dealers’ Automated Quotation System (“NASDAQ”) National Market System for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. If market quotations are not readily available, securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined using the “fair value” procedures approved by the Board. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security. The fair value prices can differ from market prices when they become available or when a price becomes available. The Board has delegated execution of these procedures to a fair value team composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) Adviser. The team may also enlist third party consultants such as an audit firm or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value. The Board reviews and ratifies the execution of this process and the resultant fair value prices at least quarterly to assure the process produces reliable results. Securities that are not traded or dealt in any securities exchange (whether domestic or foreign) and for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available generally shall be valued at the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask price on such over-the-counter market. Debt securities not traded on an exchange may be valued at prices supplied by a pricing agent(s) based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing, a method of valuing securities by reference to the value of other securities with similar characteristics, such as rating, interest rate and maturity.

Each Fund may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the value of the Fund’s securities. Although not part of the Adviser’s principal investment strategy, since each Fund may invest in foreign securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that may trade on weekends or other days when each Fund does not price its shares, the value of each Fund’s portfolio may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Fund shares. In computing the NAV of each Fund, the Adviser values foreign securities held by each Fund at the latest closing price on the exchange in which they are traded immediately prior to closing of the NYSE. Prices of foreign securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at current rates. If events materially affecting the value of a security in each Fund’s portfolio occur before each Fund prices its shares, the security will be valued at fair value. For example, if trading in a portfolio security is halted and does not resume before each Fund calculates its NAV, the Adviser may need to price the security using each Fund’s fair value pricing guidelines. Without a fair value price, short-term traders could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Fair valuation of the Funds’ portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that fair value pricing policies will prevent dilution of the Funds’ NAV by short-term traders.

With respect to any portion of the Funds’ assets that are invested in one or more open-end management investment companies that are registered under the 1940 Act, the Funds’ NAV is calculated based upon the net asset values of the registered open-end management investment companies in which the Fund invests, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which those companies will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

## **HOW TO PURCHASE AND REDEEM SHARES**

This Prospectus describes two classes of shares offered by the Funds: Class 1 and Class 2. Each Fund offers these classes of shares so that you can choose the class that best suits your investment needs. Power Momentum Index VIT Fund, Power Dividend Index VIT Fund Class 1 and Class 2 shares pay an annual fee of up to 0.25% and 0.50%, respectively, for distribution expenses pursuant to a plan under Rule 12b-1. Power Income VIT Fund Class 2 shares pay an annual fee of up to 0.50% for distribution expenses pursuant to a plan under Rule 12b-1. The main difference between each class is the ongoing fees. For information on ongoing distribution fees, see **Distribution Fees** on page 17 of this Prospectus. Each class of shares in a Fund represents interest in the same portfolio of investments within the Fund. All share classes may not be available for purchase in all states.

As described earlier in this prospectus, shares of each Fund are sold to certain separate accounts of the participating life insurance companies, as well as qualified pension and retirement plans and certain unregistered separate accounts. You and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts will not own shares of the Funds directly. Rather, all shares will be held by the separate accounts for your benefit and the benefit of other purchasers of variable annuity contracts. All investments in the Funds are credited to the shareholder's account in the form of full or fractional shares of the Fund. The Funds do not issue share certificates. Separate accounts may redeem shares to make benefit or surrender payments to you and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts or for other reasons described in the separate account prospectus that you received when you purchased your variable annuity contract. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the Funds are open for business.

The Portfolio typically expects that it will take no longer than 7 days following the receipt of your redemption request to pay out redemption proceeds by check or electronic transfer. The Portfolio typically expects to pay redemptions from cash, cash equivalents, proceeds from the sale of Portfolio shares, any lines of credit, and then from the sale of Portfolio securities. These redemption payment methods will be used in regular and stressed market conditions.

### **When Order is Processed**

Shares of the Funds are sold and redeemed at their current NAV per share without the imposition of any sales commission or redemption charge, although certain sales and other charges may apply to the life insurance policies or annuity contracts. These charges are described in the applicable product prospectus. Requests to purchase and sell shares are processed at the NAV next calculated after the request is received by the participating life insurance company, or qualified pension or retirement plan, in proper form. All requests received in good order by the participating life insurance company, or qualified pension or retirement plan before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the NYSE is open will be executed on that same day. Requests received after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on any day the NYSE is closed, will be processed on the next business day. The insurance company or qualified pension or retirement plan is responsible for properly transmitting purchase orders and federal funds to the Funds.

The USA PATRIOT Act requires financial institutions, including the Funds, to adopt certain policies and programs to prevent money-laundering activities, including procedures to verify the identity of customers opening new accounts. You will be required by your insurance company, or pension or retirement plan, to supply certain information, such as your full name, date of birth, social security number and permanent street address. This information will assist them in verifying your identity. As required by law, your insurance company, or pension or retirement plan may employ various procedures, such as comparing the information to fraud databases or requesting additional information or documentation from you, to ensure that the information supplied by you is correct.



## **TAX CONSEQUENCES**

Each Fund has qualified as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Code”). As qualified, each Fund is not subject to federal income tax on that part of its taxable income that it distributes to the separate accounts. Taxable income consists generally of net investment income, and any capital gains. It is the Fund’s intention to distribute all such income and gains.

Generally, owners of variable insurance contracts are not taxed currently on income or gains realized with respect to such contracts. However, some distributions from such contracts may be taxable at ordinary income tax rates. In addition, distributions made to an owner who is younger than 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% penalty tax. Investors should ask their own tax advisors for more information on their own tax situation, including possible state or local taxes.

Shares of each Fund are offered only to the separate accounts of the participating life insurance company and its affiliates. Separate accounts are insurance company separate accounts that fund the annuity contracts. Under the Code, the insurance company pays no tax with respect to income of a qualifying separate account when the income is properly allocable to the value of eligible variable annuity contracts. In order for shareholders to receive the favorable tax treatment available to holders of variable insurance contracts, the separate accounts, as well as the Funds, must meet certain diversification requirements. If the Funds do not meet such requirements, income allocable to the contracts would be taxable currently to the holders of such contracts. The diversification requirements are discussed below.

Section 817(h) of the Code and the regulations thereunder impose “diversification” requirements on the Funds. The Funds intend to comply with the diversification requirements. These requirements are in addition to the diversification requirements imposed on the Funds by Subchapter M and the Investment Company Act of 1940. The 817(h) requirements place certain limitations on the assets of each separate account that may be invested in securities of a single issuer. Specifically, the regulations provide that, except as permitted by “safe harbor” rules described below, as of the end of each calendar quarter or within 30 days thereafter, no more than 55% of a portfolio’s total assets may be represented by any one investment, no more than 70% by any two investments, no more than 80% by any three investments, and no more than 90% by any four investments.

Section 817(h) also provides, as a safe harbor, that a separate account will be treated as being adequately diversified if the diversification requirements under Subchapter M are satisfied and no more than 55% of the value of the account’s total assets is cash and cash items, government securities, and securities of other regulated investment companies. For purposes of section 817(h), all securities of the same issuer, all interests in the same real property, and all interests in the same commodity are treated as a single investment. In addition, each U.S. government agency or instrumentality is treated as a separate issuer, while the securities of a particular foreign government and its agencies, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions all will be considered securities issued by the same issuer. If a Fund does not satisfy the section 817(h) requirements, the separate accounts, the insurance company, the policies and the annuity contracts may be taxable. See the prospectuses for the policies and annuity contracts.

For a more complete discussion of the taxation of the life insurance company and the separate accounts, as well as the tax treatment of the variable insurance contracts and the holders thereof, see the prospectus for the applicable annuity contract.

The foregoing is only a summary of some of the important federal income tax considerations generally affecting each Fund and you; see the Statement of Additional Information for a more detailed discussion. You are urged to consult your tax advisors.

## **DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

All dividends are distributed to the separate accounts or other shareholders on an annual basis or more frequently and will be automatically reinvested in Fund shares unless an election is made on behalf of a separate account to receive some or all of the dividends in cash. Dividends are not taxable as current income to you or other purchasers of variable insurance contracts.

## **FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTION OF FUND SHARES**

The Power Momentum Index VIT Fund, Power Dividend Index VIT Fund, and Power Income VIT Fund discourage and do not accommodate market timing. Frequent trading into and out of the Fund can harm the Funds' shareholders by disrupting the Funds' investment strategies, increasing Fund expenses, decreasing tax efficiency and diluting the value of shares held by long-term shareholders. The Funds are designed for long-term investors and are not intended for market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Accordingly, the Funds' Board has approved policies that seek to curb these disruptive activities while recognizing that shareholders may have a legitimate need to adjust their Fund investments as their financial needs or circumstances change.

The Funds reserve the right to reject or restrict purchase or exchange requests for any reason, particularly when a shareholder's trading activity suggests that the shareholder may be engaged in market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Neither the Funds nor the Adviser will be liable for any losses resulting from rejected purchase or exchange orders. The Adviser may also bar an investor who has violated these policies (and the investor's financial adviser) from opening new accounts with the Funds.

Because purchase and sale transactions are submitted to a Fund on an aggregated basis by the insurance company issuing the variable insurance contract or variable life contract, the Funds are not able to identify market timing transactions by individual variable insurance contract holders. Short of rejecting all transactions made by a separate account, the Funds lack the ability to reject individual short-term trading transactions. The Funds, therefore, have to rely upon the insurance company to police restrictions in the variable insurance contracts or according to the insurance company's administrative policies. The Funds have entered into an information sharing agreement with the insurance company that uses the Funds as an underlying investment vehicle for its separate accounts. Under this agreement, the insurance company is obligated to (i) adopt and enforce during the term of the agreement a market timing policy, the terms of which are acceptable to the Funds; (ii) furnish the Funds, upon its request, with information regarding contract or policy holder trading activities in shares of the Funds, and (iii) enforce its market timing policy with respect to contract or policy holders identified by the Funds as having engaged in market timing.

The Funds will seek to monitor for market timing activities, such as unusual cash flows, and work with the applicable insurance company to determine whether or not short-term trading is involved. When information regarding transactions in a Fund's shares is requested by the Fund and such information is in the possession of a person that is itself a financial intermediary to the insurance company (an "indirect intermediary"), the insurance company is obligated to obtain transaction information from the indirect intermediary or, if directed by the Fund, to restrict or prohibit the indirect intermediary from purchasing shares of the Funds on behalf of the contract or policy holder or any other persons. The Funds will seek to apply these policies as uniformly as practicable. It is, however, more difficult to locate and eliminate individual market timers in the separate accounts because information about trading is received on a delayed basis and there can be no assurances that the Funds will be able to do so. In addition, the right of an owner of a variable insurance product to transfer among sub-accounts is governed by a contract between the insurance company and the owner. Many of these contracts do not limit the number of transfers that a contract owner may make among the available investment options. The terms of these contracts, the presence of financial intermediaries (including the insurance company) between the Funds and the contract and policy holders and other factors such as state insurance laws may limit the Fund's ability to deter market timing. Multiple tiers of such financial intermediaries may further compound the Funds' difficulty in deterring such market timing activities. Variable insurance contract holders should consult the prospectus for their variable insurance contract for additional information on contract level restrictions relating to market timing.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES**

**Distribution Fees:** The Trust, with respect to the Funds, has adopted the Trust's Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act which allows the Fund to pay the Fund's distributor with respect to the sale and distribution of Class 1 and Class 2 shares of the Fund. Shareholders of Power Momentum Index VIT Fund and Power Dividend Index VIT Fund Class 1 and Class 2 shares pay annual 12b-1 expenses of up to 0.25% and 0.50%, respectively. Shareholders of Power Income VIT Fund Class 2 shares pay annual 12b-1 expenses up to 0.50%. A portion of the fee payable pursuant to the Plan, equal to up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets, may be characterized as a service fee as such term is defined under Rule 2341 of the FINRA Conduct Rules. A service fee is a payment made for personal service and/or the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

The Funds' distributor and other entities are paid under the Plan for services provided and the expenses borne by the distributor and others in the distribution of Fund shares, including the payment of commissions for sales of the shares and incentive compensation to and expenses of dealers and others who engage in or support distribution of shares or who service shareholder accounts, including overhead and telephone expenses; printing and distribution of prospectuses and reports used in connection with the offering of the Funds' shares to other than current shareholders; and preparation, printing and distribution of sales literature and advertising materials. In addition, the distributor or other entities may utilize fees paid pursuant to the Plan to compensate dealers or other entities for their opportunity costs in advancing such amounts, which compensation would be in the form of a carrying charge on any un-reimbursed expenses.

You should be aware that if you hold your Class 1 or Class 2 shares for a substantial period of time, you may indirectly pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge allowed by FINRA due to the recurring nature of distribution (12b-1) fees.

**Additional Compensation to Financial Intermediaries:** The Funds' distributor, its affiliates, and the Funds' Adviser may, at its own expense and out of its own legitimate profits, provide additional cash payments to financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Funds. Financial intermediaries include brokers, financial planners, banks, insurance companies, retirement or 401(k) plan administrators and others. These payments may be in addition to the Rule 12b-1 fees that are disclosed elsewhere in this Prospectus. These payments are generally made to financial intermediaries that provide shareholder or administrative services, or marketing support. Marketing support may include access to sales meetings, sales representatives and financial intermediary management representatives, inclusion of a Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, or other sales programs. These payments also may be made as an expense reimbursement in cases where the financial intermediary provides shareholder services to Fund shareholders. The distributor may, from time to time, provide promotional incentives to certain investment firms. Such incentives may, at the distributor's discretion, be limited to investment firms who allow their individual selling representatives to participate in such additional commissions.

**Householding:** To reduce expenses, we may mail only one copy of the prospectus and each annual and semi-annual report to those addresses shared by two or more accounts. If you wish to receive individual copies of these documents, please call the Funds at 1-877-7-PWRINC on days the Fund is open for business or contact your financial institution. We will begin sending you individual copies thirty days after receiving your request.

## **VOTING AND MEETINGS**

The participating insurance company that issued your variable contract will solicit voting instructions from you and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts with respect to any matters that are presented to a vote of shareholders. The insurance company may be required to vote on a proportional basis, which means that for shares outstanding for which it receives no instructions, the insurance company will vote those shares in the same proportion as the shares for which it did receive instructions (either for or against a proposal). To the extent the insurance company is required to vote the total Fund shares held in its separate accounts on a proportional basis, it is possible that a small number of variable insurance contract owners would be able to determine the outcome of a matter. The Trust may consist of more than one fund or portfolio. Each will vote separately on matters relating solely to that fund or portfolio or which affects that fund or portfolio differently. However, all shareholders will have equal voting rights on matters that affect the Funds equally. Shareholders shall be entitled to one vote for each share held.

The Trust does not hold annual meetings of shareholders but may hold special meetings. Special meetings are held, for example, to elect or remove Trustees, change a Fund's fundamental investment policies, or approve an investment advisory contract. Unless required otherwise by applicable laws, one third of the outstanding shares of the Trust constitute a quorum (or one third of a Fund or class if the matter relates only to the Fund or class).

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolios' financial performance for the period of the Portfolios' operations. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Portfolio share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in a Portfolio (assuming reinvestment if all dividends and distributions). Except for the information for the six-month period June 30, 2018 (which is unaudited), the information for Power Income VIT Fund has been derived from the financial statements audited by BBD, LLP, whose report, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, are included in the Portfolio's December 31, 2017 annual report, which is available upon request.

### **Power Income VIT Fund**

*Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share of Beneficial Interest Outstanding Throughout Each Year*

	<b>Class 1</b>					
	<b>For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2017</b>	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2016</b>	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2015</b>	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2014</b>	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2013</b>
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 10.68	\$ 10.41	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.10	\$ 10.58	\$ 10.31
Activity from investment operations:						
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.19	0.47	0.07	0.18	0.39	0.47
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.29)	(0.02)	0.60	(0.26)	(0.32)	0.11
Total from investment operations	(0.10)	0.45	0.67	(0.08)	0.07	0.58
Less distributions from:						
Net investment income	—	(0.18)	—	(0.28)	(0.39)	(0.20)
Net realized gains	—	—	—	—	(0.16)	(0.11)
Total distributions	—	(0.18)	—	(0.28)	(0.55)	(0.31)
Net asset value, end of year	<u>\$ 10.58<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>\$ 10.68</u>	<u>\$ 10.41</u>	<u>\$ 9.74</u>	<u>\$ 10.10</u>	<u>\$ 10.58</u>
Total return <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>(0.94)%</u>	<u>4.32%</u>	<u>6.88%</u>	<u>(0.83)%</u>	<u>0.63%</u>	<u>5.74%</u>
Net assets, at end of year	<u>\$ 120</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 109</u>	<u>\$ 110</u>	<u>\$ 109</u>
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets before waiver <sup>(4)</sup>	(5) 2.32%	2.39%	2.04%	1.76%	1.75%	1.52%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets after waiver <sup>(4)</sup>	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.76%	1.75%	1.52%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets before waivers <sup>(4,6)</sup>	1.53%	2.31%	0.62%	0.24%	1.48%	3.30%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets after waivers <sup>(4,6)</sup>	1.85%	2.70%	0.66%	0.24%	1.48%	3.30%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	148% <sup>(3)</sup>	199%	365%	459%	314%	340%

(1) Per share amounts calculated using the average shares method, which appropriately presents the per share data for the period.

(2) Total returns are historical in nature and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions.

(3) Not annualized.

(4) Does not include the expenses of other investment companies in which the Fund invests.

(5) Annualized.

(6) Recognition of net investment income by the Fund is affected by the timing and declaration of dividends by the underlying investment companies in which the Fund invests.

## Power Income VIT Fund

*Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share of Beneficial Interest Outstanding Throughout Each Year*

### Class 2

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017	For the Year Ended December 31,2016	For the Year Ended December 31, 2015	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014	For the Year Ended December 31,2013
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.79	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.86	\$ 10.49	\$ 10.27
Activity from investment operations:						
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.04	0.22	0.07	(0.03)	0.21	0.29
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.24)	(0.01)	0.34	(0.22)	(0.32)	0.17
Total from investment operations	(0.20)	0.21	0.41	(0.25)	(0.11)	0.46
Less distributions from:						
Net investment income	—	(0.09)	—	(0.23)	(0.36)	(0.13)
Net realized gains	—	—	—	—	(0.16)	(0.11)
Total distributions	—	(0.09)	—	(0.23)	(0.52)	(0.24)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 9.71	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.79	\$ 9.38	\$ 9.86	\$ 10.49
Total return <sup>(2)</sup>	(2.02)% <sup>(3)</sup>	2.12%	4.37%	(2.51)%	(1.08)%	4.60%
Net assets, at end of year (000s)	\$ 7,912	\$ 8,931	\$ 10,389	\$ 13,734	\$ 16,398	\$ 20,859
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets before waiver <sup>(4)</sup>	2.82% <sup>(5)</sup>	2.89%	2.54%	2.26%	2.25%	2.02%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets after waiver <sup>(4)</sup>	2.50% <sup>(5)</sup>	2.50%	2.50%	2.26%	2.25%	2.02%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets <sup>(4,6)</sup>	1.03% <sup>(5)</sup>	1.81%	0.64%	(0.26)%	1.98%	2.80%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets after waivers <sup>(4,6)</sup>	1.35% <sup>(5)</sup>	2.20%	0.68%	(0.26)%	1.98%	2.80%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	148% <sup>(3)</sup>	199%	365%	459%	314%	340%

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# PRIVACY NOTICE

Rev. February 2014

## FACTS

### WHAT DOES NORTHERN LIGHTS VARIABLE TRUST DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

#### Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some, but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

#### What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depends on the product or service that you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and wire transfer instructions
- account transactions and transaction history
- investment experience and purchase history

When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

#### How?

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Northern Lights Variable Trust chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information:	Does Northern Lights Variable Trust share information?	Can you limit this sharing?
<b>For our everyday business purposes</b> - such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus.	YES	NO
<b>For our marketing purposes</b> - to offer our products and services to you.	NO	We don't share
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies.</b>	NO	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> - information about your transactions and records.	NO	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> - information about your credit worthiness.	NO	We don't share
<b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>	NO	We don't share

## QUESTIONS?

Call 1-402-493-4603

## What we do:

<p><b>How does Northern Lights Variable Trust protect my personal information?</b></p>	<p>To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.</p> <p>Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.</p>
<p><b>How does Northern Lights Variable Trust collect my personal information?</b></p>	<p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open an account or deposit money</li> <li>• direct us to buy securities or direct us to sell your securities</li> <li>• seek advice about your investments</li> </ul> <p>We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.</p>
<p><b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b></p>	<p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness.</li> <li>• affiliates from using your information to market to you.</li> <li>• sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you.</li> </ul> <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>

## Definitions

<p>Affiliates</p>	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Northern Lights Variable Trust does not share with our affiliates.</i></li> </ul>
<p>Nonaffiliates</p>	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Northern Lights Variable Trust does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.</i></li> </ul>
<p>Joint marketing</p>	<p>A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Northern Lights Variable Trust doesn't jointly market.</i></li> </ul>

## Power Income VIT Fund

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Additional information about the Fund is included in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information dated October 30, 2018 (the "SAI"). The SAI is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference (i.e., legally made a part of this Prospectus). The SAI provides more details about the Trust's policies and management. Additional information about the Fund's investments will also be available in the Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders. In the Fund's Annual Report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Funds' performance during its last fiscal year.

To obtain a free copy of the SAI and the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders, or other information about the Fund, or to make shareholder inquiries about the Fund, please call 1-877-7-PWRINC or visit [www.powermutualfunds.com](http://www.powermutualfunds.com). You may also write to:

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