



# 7Twelve™ Balanced Portfolio

**Class 3 Shares**

## **PROSPECTUS**

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## **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

**Investment Objective:** The 7Twelve Balanced Portfolio (“the Portfolio”) seeks to provide superior volatility risk-adjusted returns when compared to the bond and equity markets in general.

**Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio:** This table describes the annual operating expenses that you may indirectly pay if you invest in the Portfolio through your retirement plan or if you allocate your insurance contract premiums or payments to the Portfolio. 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

<b>Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</b>	<b>Class 3</b>
Management Fees	0.15%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.40%
Other Expenses	0.45%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>0.22%</u>
Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses	1.22%

- (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 Portfolio's financial highlights because the financial statements include only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio.

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

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio 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 Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based upon these assumptions your costs would be:

<b>Class</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class 3	\$124	\$387	\$670	\$1,477

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Portfolio shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual Portfolio operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal period, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 2% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** The Portfolio's adviser seeks to achieve the Portfolio's investment objective by allocating assets among securities that represent seven broad asset classes and twelve subcategories using the adviser's 7Twelve™ asset allocation model (the “7Twelve™ Model”). The adviser usually does not select individual stocks and bonds, but instead selects exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) or mutual funds (together, “underlying funds”) that each invest primarily in securities representing one of the 12 subcategories of assets selected under the 7Twelve™ Model. The Portfolio may invest in underlying funds that hold securities from issuers of any market capitalization, credit quality, maturity, country, or trading currency. However, bond credit quality will be primarily investment grade (that is, rated Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, or equivalently rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization). The Portfolio may also buy underlying funds that invest in foreign securities traded on exchanges outside the U.S. and through American depositary receipts (“ADRs”). Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio invests at least 25% of its assets in equity securities (common stocks) and at least 25% of its assets in bonds. For purposes of meeting these 25% allocations, the Portfolio defines equity securities to include underlying funds that invest primarily in equity securities and defines bonds to include underlying funds that invest primarily in bonds and other fixed income securities.

Unlike traditional diversification strategies that rely primarily on two asset classes (stocks and bonds) in what is commonly known as a traditional balanced portfolio strategy, the 7Twelve™ Model utilizes multiple asset classes to enhance performance and reduce risk as measured by return volatility. The complete set of asset classes and subcategories utilized under the 7Twelve™ Model are presented in the table below.

Approximately 65% of the portfolio in equities and diversifying assets				Approximately 35% of the portfolio in fixed income and cash		
US STOCKS	NON US STOCKS	REAL ESTATE	COMMODITIES	US BONDS	NON US BONDS	CASH
						
Large Companies	Developed Markets	REITs	Natural Resources	Aggregate Bonds	International Bonds	US Money Markets
						
Medium Companies	Emerging Markets		Commodities	TIPS		
						
Small Companies						

Assets are initially allocated approximately equally using the 7Twelve™ Model, meaning that each subcategory represents 1/12th of the portfolio. This allocation is maintained by rebalancing the portfolio back to approximately equal portions monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the size of the deviation caused by changes in market value. The adviser buys and sells securities to rebalance asset class allocations as determined under its 7Twelve™ Model and also sells specific underlying funds when it believes it can be replaced by an underlying fund with greater liquidity, lower expenses or other features that make it an attractive replacement for an existing ETF.

**Principal Investment Risks:** *As with all mutual funds, there is the risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Portfolio. The Portfolio is not intended to be a complete investment program. Many factors affect the Portfolio's net asset value and performance.*

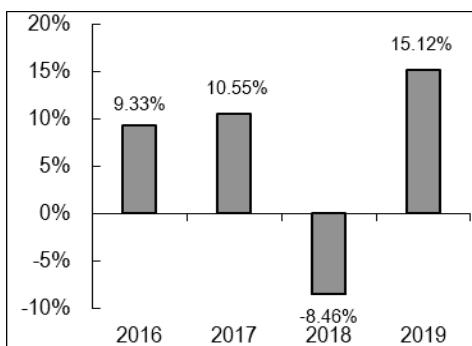
The following risks apply to the Portfolio through its investments in underlying funds.

- **Commodity Risk:** Investing in the commodities markets through commodity-linked ETFs will subject the Portfolio to potentially greater volatility than traditional securities. Commodity prices are influenced by unfavorable weather, animal and plant disease, geologic and environmental factors as well as changes in government regulation such as tariffs, embargoes or production restrictions.
- **Credit Risk:** Security issuers might not make payments on debt securities held by the Portfolio, resulting in losses. Credit quality of securities held by the Portfolio may be lowered if an issuer's financial condition changes.
- **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.
- **Emerging Markets Risk:** In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities of foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues.
- **ETF Investment Risk:** ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. Index-based ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF shares may differ from their net asset value. Each ETF is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the ETF. ETF shares may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV.
- **Fixed Income Risk:** The value of the Portfolio's investments in bonds and other fixed income securities will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities. 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 Portfolio. As a result, for the present, interest rate risk may be heightened.

- *Foreign Currency Risk:* Foreign securities denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies will subject the Portfolio to currency trading risks that include market risk and country risk. Market risk results from adverse changes in exchange rates. Country risk arises because a government may interfere with transactions in its currency.
- *Foreign Investment 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.
- *Inflation Protected Securities Risk:* Increases in real interest rates can cause the price of inflation-protected debt securities to decrease. Interest payments on inflation-protected debt securities can be unpredictable.
- *Liquidity Risk:* Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio 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 Portfolio may have to liquidate portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices and times, which could reduce the returns of the Portfolio. 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 dependence on the 7Twelve™ Model strategy and judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular asset classes and securities in which the Portfolio invests may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results.
- *Market Risk:* Overall securities market risks may affect the value of individual ETFs in which the Portfolio invests. Factors such as foreign and domestic economic growth and market conditions, interest rate levels, and political events affect the securities markets.
- *Natural Resource Risk:* The Portfolio's exposure to companies primarily engaged in the natural resource markets may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than the securities market as a whole. Natural resource companies are affected by commodity price volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- *Real Estate Risk:* Real estate values rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic conditions, interest rates and tax considerations. A real estate investment trust's ("REIT") performance depends on the types and locations of the rental properties it owns and on how well it manages those properties.
- *Small and Medium Capitalization Stock Risk:* The value of a small or medium capitalization company stocks may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than those of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general.
- *Underlying Funds Risk:* Underlying funds are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other investment companies and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. The ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF shares may differ from their net asset value. Each underlying fund is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund.

**Performance:** The bar chart and performance table set out below help show the returns and risks of investing in the Portfolio. The bar chart shows performance of the Portfolio's Class 3 shares for each full calendar year since the Portfolio's inception. The performance table compares the performance of the Portfolio's Class 3 shares over time to the performance of a broad-based securities market index and a supplemental index. You should be aware that the past performance of the Class 3 shares of the Portfolio may not be an indication of how the Class 3 shares of the Portfolio will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at no cost by calling 1-877-525-0712.

**Performance Bar Chart for Calendar Years Ended December 31.**



**Best Quarter:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 8.21%  
**Worst Quarter:** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 (8.75)%

**Performance Table**  
**Average Annual Total Returns**  
(For periods ended December 31, 2019)

	<b>One Year</b>	<b>Since the Portfolio's April 17, 2015 Inception</b>
Return (Class 3 Shares)	15.12%	3.12%
Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index <sup>(1)</sup>	18.60%	6.28%
MS Category Avg-World Allocation <sup>(2)</sup>	16.10%	4.51%
Morningstar Global Allocations Index <sup>(2)</sup>	18.53%	6.29%

- (1) The Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index is composed of a blend of equity, fixed income and cash assets and is designed to represent approximately 60% of the risk of an all-stock index. Index returns assume reinvestment of dividends. Unlike the Portfolio's returns, the Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index does not reflect any fees or expenses. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.
- (2) "MS Category Avg-World Allocation" is composed of the average return for the funds in the Morningstar category.
- (3) Morningstar Global Allocation Index measures the performance of a multi-asset class portfolio of global equities, global bonds and cash. This portfolio is held in a static allocation that is appropriate for investors who seek average exposure to global equity market risk and returns. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. The Morningstar Global Allocations Index replaces the Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index as the Portfolio's benchmark index because it is more suitable for the Portfolio.

**Investment Adviser:** 7Twelve Advisors, LLC.

**Portfolio Manager:** Andrew D. Martin, President of the adviser, has served the Portfolio as its portfolio manager since it commenced operations in 2011.

**Purchase and Sale of Portfolio Shares:** Shares of the Portfolio 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, and participants in pension and retirement plans will not own shares of the Portfolio 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 Portfolio on any day that the New York Stock Exchange is open.

**Tax Information:** It is the Portfolio'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. 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 Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or insurance company), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio 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 Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson for more information.

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

### **General Information about the Portfolio and Adviser:**

This Prospectus describes the Portfolio, a series of Northern Lights Variable Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust"). 7Twelve Advisors, LLC serves as the Portfolio's investment adviser. The Portfolio is intended, in part, to be a funding vehicle for variable annuity contracts and flexible premium variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of various insurance companies (each a "Participating Insurance Company").

The Trust has received an exemptive order from the SEC ("Exemptive Order") that permits the portfolios of the Trust, including the Portfolio, 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 to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices which could cause a decrease in the portfolio's net asset value ("NAV").

Individual variable annuity contract holders and flexible premium variable life insurance policyholders are not "shareholders" of the Portfolio. A 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 policyholders. Shares of the Portfolio are not offered directly to the general public.

The adviser, under the supervision of the Board, is responsible for constructing and monitoring the Portfolio's investments to be consistent with the investment objective and principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio vary with the degree to which the Portfolio invests in a particular market segment and/or asset class.

### **Investment Objective:**

The Portfolio seeks to provide superior volatility risk-adjusted returns when compared to the bond and equity markets in general. The Portfolio's investment objective may be changed by the Board upon 60 days written notice to shareholders. Additionally, the Portfolio's 25% investment policy with respect to both equity securities and bonds may be changed by the Board upon 60 days written notice to shareholders.

### **Principal Investment Strategies:**

The Portfolio's adviser seeks to achieve the Portfolio's investment objective by allocating assets among securities that represent seven broad asset classes and twelve subcategories using the adviser's 7Twelve™ asset allocation model. The adviser usually does not select individual stocks and bonds, but instead selects ETF or mutual funds that invest primarily in securities representing one of the 12 subcategories of assets selected under the 7Twelve™ Model. The Portfolio may invest in underlying funds that hold securities from issuers of any market capitalization, credit quality, maturity, country, or trading currency. However, bond credit quality will be primarily investment grade (that is, rated Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, or equivalently rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization). The Portfolio may also buy underlying funds that invest in foreign securities traded on exchanges outside the U.S. and through ADRs. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio invests at least 25% of its assets in equity securities (common stocks) and at least 25% of its assets in bonds. For purposes of meeting these 25% allocations, the Portfolio defines equity securities to include underlying funds that invest primarily in equity securities and defines bonds to include underlying funds that invest primarily in bonds and other fixed income securities.

The adviser allocates Portfolio assets using the 7Twelve™ Model developed by Craig Israelsen, Ph.D. The adviser believes that by using multiple asset classes, it can enhance Portfolio performance and/or reduce risk, as measured by return volatility. Unlike traditional diversification strategies that rely primarily on two asset classes (stock and bonds) in what is commonly known as a traditional balanced portfolio strategy, the 7Twelve™ Model portfolio utilizes multiple asset classes to enhance performance and/or reduce risk. The 7Twelve™ Model is derived from the central tenet that, over the long-run, diversification should produce returns that are larger and/or less volatile than an all equity portfolio or a balanced portfolio composed of equities and bonds in fixed proportions. The “7” in 7Twelve™ represents the suggested number of core asset classes to include in a portfolio. The “Twelve” represents the number of constituent sub-classes that compose the seven core asset classes. For example, U.S. equities are a core asset class, which is composed of three subcategories: (i) large cap U.S. equity, (ii) mid cap U.S. equity and (iii) small cap U.S. equity. The complete set of asset classes and subcategories utilized under the 7Twelve Model are presented in the table below.

Approximately 65% of the portfolio in equities and diversifying assets				Approximately 35% of the portfolio in fixed income and cash		
US STOCKS	NON US STOCKS	REAL ESTATE	COMMODITIES	US BONDS	NON US BONDS	CASH
 Large Companies	 Developed Markets	 REITs	 Natural Resources	 Aggregate Bonds	 International Bonds	 US Money Markets
 Medium Companies	 Emerging Markets		 Commodities	 TIPS		
 Small Companies						

The adviser believes based upon its diversification research, that some of the asset classes, such as U.S. stocks (also referred to as “equity”) require more than one underlying fund to adequately represent their economic diversity. The U.S. equity asset class in the 7Twelve™ Model portfolio requires three separate underlying funds: one that invests in large U.S. equity, one that invests in mid-sized U.S. companies and one that focuses on small U.S. stocks. Similarly, the non-U.S. equity asset requires two separate underlying funds, one focusing on large developed market non-U.S. stocks, such as European companies, and one that invests in stocks of developing or emerging non-U.S. countries. Additionally, real estate, as an asset class, is adequately covered by one underlying fund, which may invest in securities of foreign as well as U.S. real estate and real estate linked companies. The asset class of “Resources” requires two separate ETFs or mutual funds: one that invests in natural resources companies and another Portfolio that invests in actual commodities and/or exchange-traded futures on the commodities (cattle, precious and industrial metals, wheat, corn, cotton, etc.). Investing in U.S. bonds requires two different underlying funds: an aggregate bond fund and a fund that specializes in inflation-protected bonds. However, the international bond asset class can be represented by a single underlying fund, provided it is not narrowly focused on a single country or currency. Finally, cash is added to the portfolio by including a money market fund. Assets are initially allocated approximately equally using the 7Twelve™ Model, meaning that each subcategory represents 1/12th of the portfolio. This allocation is maintained by rebalancing the portfolio back to approximately equal portions monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the size of the deviation caused by changes in market value. The adviser buys and sells securities to rebalance asset class allocations as determined under its 7Twelve™ Model and also sells a specific underlying fund when it believes it can be replaced by an underlying fund with greater liquidity, lower expenses or other features that make it an attractive replacement for an existing underlying fund.

### Principal Investment Risks:

The following risks apply to the Portfolio through its investments in underlying funds.

- **Commodity Risk:** Investing in the commodities markets through commodity-linked ETFs will subject the Portfolio to potentially greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-linked ETFs will be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- **Credit Risk:** There is a risk that security issuers will not make payments on securities held by the Portfolio. In addition, the credit quality of securities may be lowered if an issuer's financial condition changes. Lower credit quality will lead to greater volatility in the price of a security and in shares of the Portfolio. Lower credit quality also will affect liquidity and make it difficult for the Portfolio to sell the security. This means that, compared to

issuers of higher rated securities, issuers of lower rated securities are less likely to have the capacity to pay interest and repay principal when due in the event of adverse business, financial or economic conditions and/or may be in default or not current in the payment of interest or principal. Default, or the market's perception that an issuer is likely to default, tends to reduce the value and liquidity of securities held by the Portfolio, thereby reducing the value of your investment in Portfolio shares. In addition, default may cause the Portfolio to incur expenses in seeking recovery of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings.

- **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.
- **Emerging Markets Risk:** In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities of foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues. In addition, emerging securities markets may have different clearance and settlement procedures, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions.
- **ETF Investment Risk:** ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, your cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. 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 Portfolio. Because the value of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market, the adviser may not be able to liquidate the Portfolio's holdings at the most optimal time, adversely affecting performance. Each ETF is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the ETF. These risks could include liquidity risk, sector risk, foreign and emerging market risk, as well as risks associated with real estate investments and commodities. ETFs in which the Portfolio 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. In addition, the ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will incur expenses not incurred by their applicable indices. Certain securities comprising the indices tracked by the ETFs may, from time to time, temporarily be unavailable, which may further impede the ETFs' ability to track their applicable indices.
- **Fixed Income Risk:** When the Portfolio invests in bonds and other fixed income securities directly or through underlying funds, the value of your investment in the Portfolio will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities or derivatives owned by the Portfolio. 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 Portfolio. 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 include credit risk (the debtor may default) and prepayment risk (the debtor may pay its obligation early, reducing the amount of interest payments). These risks could affect the value of a particular investment by the Portfolio possibly causing the Portfolio's share price and total return to be reduced and fluctuate more than other types of investments.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** The Portfolio's investments in foreign currency denominated securities will subject the Portfolio to currency trading risks that include market risk, interest rate risk and country 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 portfolios 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.
- **Foreign Investment 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.
- **Inflation Protected Securities Risk:** Inflation-protected debt securities tend to react to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates represent nominal (stated) interest rates reduced by the expected impact of inflation. In general, the price of an inflation-protected debt security can fall when real interest rates rise, and can rise when real interest rates fall. Interest payments on inflation-protected debt securities can be unpredictable and will vary as the principal and/or interest is adjusted for inflation.

- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio 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 Portfolio may have to liquidate portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices and times, which could reduce the returns of the Portfolio. 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 NAV of the Portfolio changes daily based on the performance of the securities in which it invests. The ability of the Portfolio to meet its investment objective is directly related to the adviser's allocation of the Portfolio's assets using its 7Twelve™ Model portfolio strategy. The adviser's objective judgments, based on investment strategy, about the attractiveness and potential appreciation of particular investments in which the Portfolio invests may prove to be incorrect and there is no guarantee that the adviser's investment strategy will produce the desired results.
- **Market Risk:** The NAV of the Portfolio will fluctuate based on changes in the value of the securities in which the Portfolio invests. The Portfolio invests in securities that may be more volatile and carry more risk than some other forms of investment. The price of securities may rise or fall because of economic or political changes. Security prices, in general, may decline over short or even extended periods of time. Market prices of securities in broad market segments may be adversely affected by a prominent issuer having experienced losses or by the lack of earnings or such an issuer's failure to meet the market's expectations with respect to new products or services, or even by factors wholly unrelated to the value or condition of the issuer, such as changes in interest rates. The occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years, such as terrorist attacks, natural disasters, pandemics, social and political discord or debt crises and downgrades, among others, may result in market volatility and may have long term effects on both the U.S. and global financial markets. Given the increasing interdependence among global economies and markets, conditions in one country, market, or region are increasingly likely to adversely affect markets, issuers, and/or foreign exchange rates in other countries, including the U.S. Any such events could have a significant adverse impact on the value of the Portfolio's investments.
- **Natural Resource Risk:** The Portfolio's exposure to companies primarily engaged in the natural resource markets may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than investments in the stock market as a whole. Natural resource companies will be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity price volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Economic forces, including forces affecting the agricultural commodity, energy and mining markets, as well as government policies and regulations affecting the extraction and production of natural resources could adversely affect the portfolio companies and, thus, the Portfolio's returns. Governmental policies affecting the natural resources industries, such as taxes, tariffs, duties, subsidies and import and export restrictions on commodities and commodity products, can influence industry profitability and the volume and types of exports. In addition, the portfolio companies must comply with a broad range of environmental laws and regulations. Additional or more stringent environmental laws and regulations may be enacted in the future and such changes could have a material adverse effect on the business of the portfolio companies.
- **Real Estate Risk:** Real estate values rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic conditions, interest rates and tax considerations. When economic growth is slow, demand for property decreases and prices tend to decline. Property values tend to decrease because of overbuilding, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, changes in zoning laws, environmental regulations or hazards, uninsured casualty or condemnation losses, or a general decline in neighborhood values. A REIT's performance depends on the types and locations of the properties it owns and on how well it manages those properties. A decline in rental income will occur because of extended vacancies, increased competition from other properties, tenants' failure to pay rent or poor management. A REIT's performance also depends on the company's ability to finance property purchases and renovations and manage its cash flows. Because REITs typically are invested in a limited number of projects or in a particular market segment, they are more susceptible to adverse developments affecting a single project or market segment than more broadly diversified investments.
- **Small and Medium Capitalization Stock Risk:** The value of a small or medium capitalization company stocks or underlying funds that invest in stocks of small and medium capitalization companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than those of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. These companies may have narrower markets, limited product lines, fewer financial resources, and they may be dependent on a limited management group. Investing in lesser-known, small and medium capitalization companies involves greater risk of volatility of the Portfolio's NAV than is customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Often small and medium capitalization companies and the industries in which they are focused are still evolving and, while this may offer better growth potential than larger, more established companies, it also may make them more sensitive to changing market conditions.
- **Underlying Funds Risk:** Mutual funds and ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other investment companies and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. The ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF and closed-end fund shares may differ from their NAV. Each underlying fund is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the underlying fund.

**Portfolio Holdings Disclosure:** A description of the Portfolio's policies regarding the release of portfolio holdings information is available in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information. Shareholders may request portfolio holdings schedules at no charge by calling 1-877-525-0712.

**Cybersecurity:** The computer systems, networks and devices used by the Portfolio 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 the Portfolio and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. The Portfolio 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 the Portfolio's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Portfolio's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of the Portfolio, 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 Portfolio invests; counterparties with which the Portfolio 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 the Portfolio'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:** 7Twelve Advisors, LLC, located at 3100 West End Ave., Suite 930, Nashville, TN 37203 serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. As of December 31, 2019, the adviser had total assets under management of approximately \$59 million. Subject to the oversight of the Board, the adviser is responsible for management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio. The adviser is responsible for selecting the Portfolio's investments according to the Portfolio's investment objective, policies and restrictions. The adviser was established in 2008 and serves primarily individuals and institutions.

Pursuant to an advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the adviser, the adviser is entitled to receive, on a monthly basis, an annual advisory fee equal to 0.15% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Portfolio paid investment advisory fees to the Adviser at an annual rate of 0.15% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the advisory agreement is available in the Portfolio's semi-annual shareholder report dated June 30, 2019.

Craig Israelsen, Executive-in-Residence in the Financial Planning Program at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, consults with the portfolio manager on at least a quarterly basis regarding any changes or refinements to the 7Twelve™ asset allocation model and possible implications for management of the Portfolio. Mr. Israelsen is not directly compensated by the Portfolio, but as a partial owner of the adviser, he receives a share of the adviser's profits, if any.

### **Portfolio Manager:**

**Andrew D. Martin**

*President*

Mr. Martin has served as President of the adviser since co-founding the adviser in November 2008. Mr. Martin is also a Registered Principal for Silver Oak Securities, Inc. (not affiliated with 7Twelve Advisors, LLC), a Tennessee based broker/dealer with a Nashville, TN office, a position held since November 2017. Prior to November 2017, Mr. Martin served as a registered principal with Girard Securities, Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee from 2008 to 2017. Mr. Martin has worked in sales, management, and operations in the securities industry for over 25 years, including serving as regional sales manager for over 200 registered representatives in a thirteen state region, after beginning his career with Merrill Lynch in New York City. He holds a B.B.A. in economics from Belmont University and a Master's Degree in liberal arts from Vanderbilt University. He holds series 7, 24, 53, 63 and 66 securities licenses and he is a Member of the Investment Management Consultants Association.

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

## **HOW SHARES ARE PRICED**

The public offering price and NAV of Portfolio 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 the Portfolio less its liabilities divided by the total number of the Portfolio’s shares outstanding. ((Assets minus 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 the Portfolio, including investment advisory, administration, and distribution fees, if any, which are accrued daily. The determination of NAV of the Portfolio 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 Portfolio (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. 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. It is possible that the valuation determined by matrix pricing for a debt security may differ materially from the value that would be realized if the security were sold. During times of market volatility, it may be necessary for the Fund to utilize its fair value procedures to value (as described below) certain debt securities.

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 committee composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) adviser. The committee 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.

The Portfolio may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the value of the Portfolio’s securities. With respect to foreign securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges or that may trade on weekends or other days when the Portfolio does not price its shares, the value of the portfolio may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Portfolio shares. In computing the NAV of the Portfolio, the adviser values foreign securities held by the Portfolio, if any, 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 the investment portfolio occur before the Portfolio prices its shares, the security will be valued at fair value. For example, if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before the Portfolio calculates its NAV, the adviser may need to price the security using the Portfolio’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 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 Portfolio’s NAV by short-term traders.

With respect to any portion of the Portfolio’s assets that is invested in one or more open-end management investment companies (mutual funds) that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), the Portfolio’s net asset value is calculated based upon the net asset values of the mutual funds in which the Portfolio 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 SHARES AND REDEEM SHARES**

This Prospectus describes one class of shares offered by the Portfolio: Class 3. Class 4 shares of the Portfolio are sold by a separate prospectus. The Portfolio offers multiple classes of shares so that you can choose the class which best suits your investment needs. The main differences between each class are ongoing fees. For information on ongoing distribution fees, see **Distribution Fees** on page 14 of this Prospectus. Each class of shares in the Portfolio represents interest in the same portfolio of investments within the Portfolio. All share classes may not be available in all states.

As described earlier in this prospectus, shares of the Portfolio are intended to be sold to certain separate accounts of a Participating Insurance Company, 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 Portfolio 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 Portfolio are credited to the shareholder's account in the form of full or fractional shares of the Portfolio. The Portfolio does 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 Portfolio is 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 Portfolio 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 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 Insurance Company, or qualified pension or retirement plan, in proper form as defined by the relevant company or plan. All requests received in good order as defined by each Participating 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. A Participating Insurance Company or qualified pension or retirement plan is responsible for properly transmitting purchase orders and federal funds to the Portfolio.

The USA PATRIOT Act requires financial institutions, including the Portfolio, 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**

The Portfolio intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). As qualified, the Portfolio 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 Portfolio'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 the Portfolio are offered to the separate accounts of the Participating Insurance Companies and their 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 Portfolio, must meet certain diversification requirements. If the Portfolio does 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 Portfolio. The Portfolio intends to comply with the diversification requirements. These requirements are in addition to the diversification requirements imposed on the Portfolio 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 the Portfolio 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 annuity contracts and the holders thereof, see the prospectus for the applicable annuity contract.

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

## **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 Portfolio shares unless an election is made on behalf of a separate account or other shareholder 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 REDEMPTIONS OF PORTFOLIO SHARES**

The Portfolio discourages and does not accommodate market timing. Frequent trading into and out of the Portfolio can harm all Portfolio shareholders by disrupting the Portfolio's investment strategies, increasing Portfolio expenses, decreasing tax efficiency and diluting the value of shares held by long-term shareholders. Portfolio investments in ETFs that hold foreign securities pose a greater risk of market timing because the underlying ETF holding foreign securities may, itself, be subject to time zone market timing because of differences between hours of trading between U.S. and foreign exchanges. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors and is not intended for market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Accordingly, the Board has approved policies that seek to curb these disruptive activities while recognizing that shareholders may have a legitimate need to adjust their Portfolio investments as their financial needs or circumstances change.

The Portfolio reserves 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 Portfolio 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 a Portfolio.

Because purchase and sale transactions are submitted to the Portfolio on an aggregated basis by the insurance company issuing the variable insurance contract or variable life contract, or other shareholder, the Portfolio is not able to identify market timing transactions by individual variable insurance contract or plan participant. Short of rejecting all transactions made by a separate account, the Portfolio lacks the ability to reject individual short-term trading transactions. The Portfolio, therefore, has to rely upon the insurance company or other shareholder to police restrictions in the variable insurance contracts or according to the insurance company's administrative policies, or such shareholder's plan documents. The Portfolio has entered into an information sharing agreement with the insurance company or other shareholders that use the Portfolio as an underlying investment vehicle for its separate accounts. Under this agreement, the insurance company or other shareholder 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 Portfolio; (ii) furnish the Portfolio, upon its request, with information regarding contract or policy holder trading activities in shares of the Portfolio; and (iii) enforce its market timing policy with respect to contract, policy holders or plan participants identified by the Portfolio as having engaged in market timing.

The Portfolio will seek to monitor for market timing activities, such as unusual cash flows, and work with the applicable insurance company or plan to determine whether or not short-term trading is involved. When information regarding transactions in the Portfolio's shares is requested by the Portfolio 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 Portfolio, to restrict or prohibit the indirect intermediary from purchasing shares of the Portfolio on behalf of the contract or policy holder or any other persons. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio 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 Portfolio and the contract and policy holders and other factors such as state insurance laws may limit the Portfolio's ability to deter market timing. Multiple tiers of such financial intermediaries may further compound the Portfolio's 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**

**Distributor:** Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, 4221 North 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-3474, is the distributor for the shares of the Portfolio. Northern Lights Distributors, LLC is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). Shares of the Portfolio are offered on a continuous basis.

**Other Classes:** In addition to the Class 3 shares offered in this Prospectus, the Portfolio offers Class 4 shares by a separate prospectus.

**Distribution Fees:** The Trust, with respect to the Portfolio has adopted the Trust's Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan (the "Plan") for Class 3 shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act, which allows the Portfolio to pay the Portfolio's distributor an annual fee for distribution and shareholder servicing expenses of up to 0.40% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets attributable to Class 3 of the Portfolio. A portion of the fee payable pursuant to the Plan, equal to up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class 3 shares 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 services and/or the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

The Portfolio's 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 Portfolio 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 Portfolio's 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 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 Portfolio's distributor, its affiliates, and the Portfolio's adviser may, each, at its own expense and out of its own assets including its legitimate profits from Portfolio-related activities, provide additional cash payments to financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Portfolio. 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 and any sales charges 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 the Portfolio 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 Portfolio shareholders. The distributor may, from time to time, provide promotional incentives, including reallocation and/or payment of up to the entire sales charge, 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, the Portfolio mails 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 Portfolio at 1-877-525-0712 on days the Portfolio is open for business or contact your financial institution. The Portfolio 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 received instructions (either for or against a proposal). To the extent the insurance company is required to vote the total Portfolio 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. Shareholders shall be entitled to one vote for each share held.

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

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the past five years. 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 the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information for the Portfolio 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, 2019 annual report, which is available upon request.

### Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share of Beneficial Interest Outstanding Throughout Each Period Presented

	Class 3				
	For the Year Ended <u>December 31, 2019</u>	For the Year Ended <u>December 31, 2018</u>	For the Year Ended <u>December 31, 2017</u>	For the Year Ended <u>December 31, 2016</u>	For the Period Ended <u>December 31, 2015<sup>(1)</sup></u>
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 11.20	\$ 12.36	\$ 11.24	\$ 10.36	\$ 11.54
Activity from investment operations:					
Net investment income <sup>(2,3)</sup>	0.19	0.14	0.15	0.06	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.49	(1.18)	1.03	0.91	(1.16)
Total from investment operations	1.68	(1.04)	1.18	0.97	(1.07)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.06)	(0.09)	(0.11)
Net realized gains	(0.27)	—	—	—	—
Total distributions	(0.46)	(0.12)	(0.06)	(0.09)	(0.11)
Net asset value, end of period	\$ 12.42	\$ 11.20	\$ 12.36	\$ 11.24	\$ 10.36
Total return <sup>(4)</sup>	15.12%	(8.46)%	10.55%	9.33%	(9.27)%
Net assets, at end of period (000s)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,111	\$ 2,154	\$ 448	\$ 331
Ratio of expenses to average net assets <sup>(5)</sup>	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00% <sup>(6)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(3,5)</sup>	1.55%	1.16%	1.28%	0.58%	1.26% <sup>(6)</sup>
Portfolio Turnover Rate	2%	22%	28%	11%	14% <sup>(7)</sup>

(1) Class 3 shares commenced operations on April 17, 2015.

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

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

(4) Total returns are historical in nature and assume changes in share price, reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions, if any. Total returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

(5) The ratios of expenses to average net assets and net investment income to average net assets do not reflect the expenses of the underlying investment companies in which the Portfolio invests.

(6) Annualized.

(7) Not annualized. The portfolio turnover reflects the ratio for the entire Fund for the year ended December 31, 2015.

# **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.

<b>Reasons we can share your personal information:</b>	<b>Does Northern Lights Variable Trust share information?</b>	<b>Can you limit this sharing?</b>
<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.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>For our marketing purposes</b> - to offer our products and services to you.	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies.</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> - information about your transactions and records.	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> - information about your credit worthiness.	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>

**QUESTIONS? Call 1-402-493-4603**

## What we do:

<b>How does Northern Lights Variable Trust protect my personal information?</b>	<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>
<b>How does Northern Lights Variable Trust collect my personal information?</b>	<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>
<b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b>	<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

<b>Affiliates</b>	<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 its affiliates.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Nonaffiliates</b>	<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>
<b>Joint marketing</b>	<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>

## 7TWELVE BALANCED PORTFOLIO

<b>Adviser</b>	<b>7Twelve Advisors, LLC</b> 3100 West End Ave., Suite 930 Nashville, TN 37203	<b>Distributor</b>	<b>Northern Lights Distributors, LLC</b> 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474
<b>Independent Registered Public Accountant</b>	<b>BBD, LLP</b> 1835 Market Street, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103	<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Thompson Hine LLP</b> 41 South High Street, Suite 1700 Columbus, OH 43215
<b>Custodian</b>	<b>MUFG Union Bank, N.A.</b> 400 California Street San Francisco, CA 94104	<b>Transfer Agent</b>	<b>Gemini Fund Services, LLC</b> 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474

Additional information about the Portfolio is included in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information dated May 1, 2020 (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 Portfolio's policies and management. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders. In the Portfolio's Annual Report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's 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 Portfolio, or to make shareholder inquiries about the Portfolio, please call 1-877-525-0712. The Portfolio does not have a website. You may also write to:

**7TWELVE BALANCED PORTFOLIO**  
c/o Gemini Fund Services, LLC  
4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100  
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-3474

Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

Investment Company Act File # 811-21853



# 7Twelve™ Balanced Portfolio

**Class 4 Shares**

## **PROSPECTUS**

**May 1, 2020**

*Advised by:*

7Twelve Advisors, LLC  
3100 West End Ave Suite 930  
Nashville, TN 37203

**1-877-525-0712**

*This Prospectus provides important information about the 7Twelve Balanced Portfolio that you should know before investing. Please read it carefully and keep it for future reference.*

*These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.*

*Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, you may not be receiving paper copies of the Portfolio's shareholder reports from the insurance company that offers your contract unless you specifically request paper copies from the insurance company or from your financial intermediary. Instead, the shareholder reports will be made available on a website, and the insurance company will notify you by mail each time a report is posted and provide you with a website link to access the report. Instructions for requesting paper copies will be provided by your insurance company.*

*If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the insurance company electronically by following the instructions provided by the insurance company.*

*You may elect to receive all future reports in paper free of charge from the insurance company. You should contact the insurance company if you wish to continue receiving paper copies of your shareholder reports. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all portfolio companies available under your contract at the insurance company.*

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## **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

**Investment Objective:** The 7Twelve Balanced Portfolio (“the Portfolio”) seeks to provide superior volatility risk-adjusted returns when compared to the bond and equity markets in general.

**Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio:** This table describes the annual operating expenses that you may indirectly pay if you invest in the Portfolio through your retirement plan or if you allocate your insurance contract premiums or payments to the Portfolio. 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.

<b>Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</b>	<b>Class 4</b>
Management Fees	0.15%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.60%
Other Expenses	0.45%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>0.22%</u>
Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses	1.42%

- (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 Portfolio's financial highlights because the financial statements include only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Portfolio.

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

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio 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 Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based upon these assumptions your costs would be:

<b>Class</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
Class 4	\$145	\$449	\$776	\$1,702

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Portfolio shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual Portfolio operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal period, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 2% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** The Portfolio's adviser seeks to achieve the Portfolio's investment objective by allocating assets among securities that represent seven broad asset classes and twelve subcategories using the adviser's 7Twelve™ asset allocation model (the “7Twelve™ Model”). The adviser usually does not select individual stocks and bonds, but instead selects exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) or mutual funds (together, “underlying funds”) that each invest primarily in securities representing one of the 12 subcategories of assets selected under the 7Twelve™ Model. The Portfolio may invest in underlying funds that hold securities from issuers of any market capitalization, credit quality, maturity, country, or trading currency. However, bond credit quality will be primarily investment grade (that is, rated Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, or equivalently rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization). The Portfolio may also buy underlying funds that invest in foreign securities traded on exchanges outside the U.S. and through American depositary receipts (“ADRs”). Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio invests at least 25% of its assets in equity securities (common stocks) and at least 25% of its assets in bonds. For purposes of meeting these 25% allocations, the Portfolio defines equity securities to include underlying funds that invest primarily in equity securities and defines bonds to include underlying funds that invest primarily in bonds and other fixed income securities.

Unlike traditional diversification strategies that rely primarily on two asset classes (stocks and bonds) in what is commonly known as a traditional balanced portfolio strategy, the 7Twelve™ Model utilizes multiple asset classes to enhance performance and reduce risk as measured by return volatility. The complete set of asset classes and subcategories utilized under the 7Twelve™ Model are presented in the table below.

Approximately 65% of the portfolio in equities and diversifying assets				Approximately 35% of the portfolio in fixed income and cash		
US STOCKS	NON US STOCKS	REAL ESTATE	COMMODITIES	US BONDS	NON US BONDS	CASH
 Large Companies	 Developed Markets	 REITs	 Natural Resources	 Aggregate Bonds	 International Bonds	 US Money Markets
 Medium Companies	 Emerging Markets		 Commodities	 TIPS		
 Small Companies						

Assets are initially allocated approximately equally using the 7Twelve™ Model, meaning that each subcategory represents 1/12th of the portfolio. This allocation is maintained by rebalancing the portfolio back to approximately equal portions monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the size of the deviation caused by changes in market value. The adviser buys and sells securities to rebalance asset class allocations as determined under its 7Twelve™ Model and also sells specific underlying funds when it believes it can be replaced by an underlying fund with greater liquidity, lower expenses or other features that make it an attractive replacement for an existing ETF.

**Principal Investment Risks:** *As with all mutual funds, there is the risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Portfolio. The Portfolio is not intended to be a complete investment program. Many factors affect the Portfolio's net asset value and performance.*

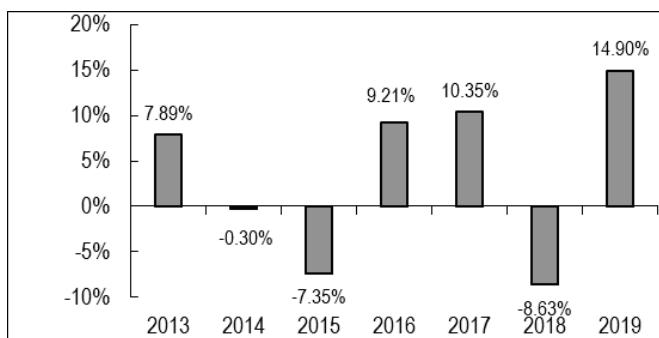
The following risks apply to the Portfolio through its investments in underlying funds.

- **Commodity Risk:** Investing in the commodities markets through commodity-linked ETFs will subject the Portfolio to potentially greater volatility than traditional securities. Commodity prices are influenced by unfavorable weather, animal and plant disease, geologic and environmental factors as well as changes in government regulation such as tariffs, embargoes or production restrictions.
- **Credit Risk:** Security issuers might not make payments on debt securities held by the Portfolio, resulting in losses. Credit quality of securities held by the Portfolio may be lowered if an issuer's financial condition changes.
- **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.
- **Emerging Markets Risk:** In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities of foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues.
- **ETF Investment Risk:** ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. Index-based ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF shares may differ from their net asset value. Each ETF is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the ETF. ETF shares may trade at a discount or premium to their NAV.
- **Fixed Income Risk:** The value of the Portfolio's investments in bonds and other fixed income securities will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities. 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 Portfolio. As a result, for the present, interest rate risk may be heightened.

- *Foreign Currency Risk:* Foreign securities denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies will subject the Portfolio to currency trading risks that include market risk and country risk. Market risk results from adverse changes in exchange rates. Country risk arises because a government may interfere with transactions in its currency.
- *Foreign Investment 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.
- *Inflation Protected Securities Risk:* Increases in real interest rates can cause the price of inflation-protected debt securities to decrease. Interest payments on inflation-protected debt securities can be unpredictable.
- *Liquidity Risk:* Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio 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 Portfolio may have to liquidate portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices and times, which could reduce the returns of the Portfolio. 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 dependence on the 7Twelve™ Model strategy and judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular asset classes and securities in which the Portfolio invests may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results.
- *Market Risk:* Overall securities market risks may affect the value of individual ETFs in which the Portfolio invests. Factors such as foreign and domestic economic growth and market conditions, interest rate levels, and political events affect the securities markets.
- *Natural Resource Risk:* The Portfolio's exposure to companies primarily engaged in the natural resource markets may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than the securities market as a whole. Natural resource companies are affected by commodity price volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- *Real Estate Risk:* Real estate values rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic conditions, interest rates and tax considerations. A real estate investment trust's ("REIT") performance depends on the types and locations of the rental properties it owns and on how well it manages those properties.
- *Small and Medium Capitalization Stock Risk:* The value of a small or medium capitalization company stocks may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than those of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general.
- *Underlying Funds Risk:* Underlying funds are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other investment companies and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. The ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF shares may differ from their net asset value. Each underlying fund is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the fund.

**Performance:** The bar chart and performance table set out below help show the returns and risks of investing in the Portfolio. The bar chart shows performance of the Portfolio's Class 4 shares for each full calendar year since the Portfolio's inception. The performance table compares the performance of the Portfolio's Class 4 shares over time to the performance of a broad-based securities market index and a supplemental index. You should be aware that the past performance of the Portfolio's Class 4 shares may not be an indication of how the Portfolio's Class 4 shares will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at no cost by calling 1-877-525-0712.

**Performance Bar Chart for Calendar Years Ended December 31.**



Best Quarter: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 8.11%  
 Worst Quarter: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 (8.78)%

**Performance Table**  
**Average Annual Total Returns**  
 (For periods ended December 31, 2019)

	One Year	Five Years	Since the Portfolio's April 23, 2012 Inception
Return (Class 4 Shares)	14.90%	3.23%	3.81%
Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index <sup>(1)</sup>	18.60%	6.60%	7.54%
MS Category Avg-World Allocation <sup>(2)</sup>	16.10%	4.15%	N/A
Morningstar Global Allocations Index TR <sup>(3)</sup>	18.53%	6.58%	7.29%

- (1) The Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index is composed of a blend of equity, fixed income and cash assets and is designed to represent approximately 60% of the risk of an all-stock index. Index returns assume reinvestment of dividends. Unlike the Portfolio's returns, the Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index does not reflect any fees or expenses. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.
- (2) MS Category Avg-World Allocation is composed of the average return for the funds in the Morningstar category.
- (3) Morningstar Global Allocations Index TR measures the performance of a multi-asset class portfolio of global equities, global bonds and cash. This portfolio is held in a static allocation that is appropriate for investors who seek average exposure to global equity market risk and returns. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. The Morningstar Global Allocations Index TR replaces the Dow Jones Moderate Portfolio Index as the Portfolio's benchmark index because it is a more suitable index for the Portfolio.

**Investment Adviser:** 7Twelve Advisors, LLC.

**Portfolio Manager:** Andrew D. Martin, President of the adviser, has served the Portfolio as its portfolio manager since it commenced operations in 2011.

**Purchase and Sale of Portfolio Shares:** Shares of the Portfolio 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, and participants in pension and retirement plans will not own shares of the Portfolio 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 Portfolio on any day that the New York Stock Exchange is open.

**Tax Information:** It is the Portfolio's intention to distribute all 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 Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or insurance company), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio 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 Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson for more information.

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

### **General Information about the Portfolio and Adviser:**

This Prospectus describes the Portfolio, a series of Northern Lights Variable Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust"). 7Twelve Advisors, LLC serves as the Portfolio's investment adviser. The Portfolio is intended, in part, to be a funding vehicle for variable annuity contracts and flexible premium variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of various insurance companies (each a "Participating Insurance Company").

The Trust has received an exemptive order from the SEC ("Exemptive Order") that permits the portfolios of the Trust, including the Portfolio, 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 to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices which could cause a decrease in the portfolio's net asset value ("NAV").

Individual variable annuity contract holders and flexible premium variable life insurance policyholders are not "shareholders" of the Portfolio. A 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 policyholders. Shares of the Portfolio are not offered directly to the general public.

The adviser, under the supervision of the Board, is responsible for constructing and monitoring the Portfolio's investments to be consistent with the investment objective and principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio vary with the degree to which the Portfolio invests in a particular market segment and/or asset class.

### **Investment Objective:**

The Portfolio seeks to provide superior volatility risk-adjusted returns when compared to the bond and equity markets in general. The Portfolio's investment objective may be changed by the Board upon 60 days written notice to shareholders. Additionally, the Portfolio's 25% investment policy with respect to both equity securities and bonds may be changed by the Board upon 60 days written notice to shareholders.

### **Principal Investment Strategies:**

The Portfolio's adviser seeks to achieve the Portfolio's investment objective by allocating assets among securities that represent seven broad asset classes and twelve subcategories using the adviser's 7Twelve™ asset allocation model. The adviser usually does not select individual stocks and bonds, but instead selects ETFs or mutual funds that each invest primarily in securities representing one of the 12 subcategories of assets selected under the 7Twelve™ Model. The Portfolio may invest in underlying funds that hold securities from issuers of any market capitalization, credit quality, maturity, country, or trading currency. However, bond credit quality will be primarily investment grade (that is, rated Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, or equivalently rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization). The Portfolio may also buy underlying funds that invest in foreign securities traded on exchanges outside the U.S. and through ADRs. Under normal market conditions, the Portfolio invests at least 25% of its assets in equity securities (common stocks) and at least 25% of its assets in bonds. For purposes of meeting these 25% allocations, the Portfolio defines equity securities to include underlying funds that invest primarily in equity securities and defines bonds to include underlying funds that invest primarily in bonds and other fixed income securities.

The adviser allocates Portfolio assets using the 7Twelve™ Model developed by Craig Israelsen, Ph.D. The adviser believes that by using multiple asset classes, it can enhance Portfolio performance and/or reduce risk, as measured by return volatility. Unlike traditional diversification strategies that rely primarily on two asset classes (stock and bonds) in what is commonly known as a traditional balanced portfolio strategy, the 7Twelve™ Model portfolio utilizes multiple asset classes to enhance performance and/or reduce risk. The 7Twelve™ Model is derived from the central tenet that, over the long-run, diversification should produce returns that are larger and/or less volatile than an all equity portfolio or a balanced portfolio composed of equities and bonds in fixed proportions. The “7” in 7Twelve™ represents the suggested number of core asset classes to include in a portfolio. The “Twelve” represents the number of constituent sub-classes that compose the seven core asset classes. For example, U.S. equities are a core asset class, which is composed of three subcategories: (i) large cap U.S. equity, (ii) mid cap U.S. equity and (iii) small cap U.S. equity. The complete set of asset classes and subcategories utilized under the 7Twelve Model are presented in the table below.

Approximately 65% of the portfolio in equities and diversifying assets				Approximately 35% of the portfolio in fixed income and cash		
US STOCKS	NON US STOCKS	REAL ESTATE	COMMODITIES	US BONDS	NON US BONDS	CASH
 Large Companies	 Developed Markets	 REITs	 Natural Resources	 Aggregate Bonds	 International Bonds	 US Money Markets
 Medium Companies	 Emerging Markets		 Commodities	 TIPS		
 Small Companies						

The adviser believes based upon its diversification research, that some of the asset classes, such as U.S. stocks (also referred to as “equity”) require more than one underlying fund to adequately represent their economic diversity. The U.S. equity asset class in the 7Twelve™ Model portfolio requires three separate underlying funds: one that invests in large U.S. equity, one that invests in mid-sized U.S. companies and one that focuses on small U.S. stocks. Similarly, the non-U.S. equity asset requires two separate underlying funds, one focusing on large developed market non-U.S. stocks, such as European companies, and one that invests in stocks of developing or emerging non-U.S. countries. Additionally, real estate, as an asset class, is adequately covered by one underlying fund, which may invest in securities of foreign as well as U.S. real estate and real estate linked companies. The asset class of “Resources” requires two separate ETFs or mutual funds: one that invests in natural resources companies and another Portfolio that invests in actual commodities and/or exchange-traded futures on the commodities (cattle, precious and industrial metals, wheat, corn, cotton, etc.). Investing in U.S. bonds requires two different underlying funds: an aggregate bond fund and a fund that specializes in inflation-protected bonds. However, the international bond asset class can be represented by a single underlying fund, provided it is not narrowly focused on a single country or currency. Finally, cash is added to the portfolio by including a money market fund. Assets are initially allocated approximately equally using the 7Twelve™ Model, meaning that each subcategory represents 1/12th of the portfolio. This allocation is maintained by rebalancing the portfolio back to approximately equal portions monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the size of the deviation caused by changes in market value. The adviser buys and sells securities to rebalance asset class allocations as determined under its 7Twelve™ Model and also sells a specific underlying fund when it believes it can be replaced by an underlying fund with greater liquidity, lower expenses or other features that make it an attractive replacement for an existing underlying fund.

### Principal Investment Risks:

The following risks apply to the Portfolio through its investments in underlying funds.

- *Commodity Risk:* Investing in the commodities markets through commodity-linked ETFs will subject the Portfolio to potentially greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-linked ETFs will be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- *Credit Risk:* There is a risk that security issuers will not make payments on securities held by the Portfolio. In addition, the credit quality of securities may be lowered if an issuer's financial condition changes. Lower credit quality will lead to greater volatility in the price of a security and in shares of the Portfolio. Lower credit quality also will affect liquidity and make it difficult for the Portfolio to sell the security. This means that, compared to issuers of higher rated securities, issuers of lower rated securities are less likely to have the capacity to pay

interest and repay principal when due in the event of adverse business, financial or economic conditions and/or may be in default or not current in the payment of interest or principal. Default, or the market's perception that an issuer is likely to default, tends to reduce the value and liquidity of securities held by the Portfolio, thereby reducing the value of your investment in Portfolio shares. In addition, default may cause the Portfolio to incur expenses in seeking recovery of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings.

- **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.
- **Emerging Markets Risk:** In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities of foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues. In addition, emerging securities markets may have different clearance and settlement procedures, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions.
- **ETF Investment Risk:** ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, your cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in ETFs and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. 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 Portfolio. Because the value of ETF shares depends on the demand in the market, the adviser may not be able to liquidate the Portfolio's holdings at the most optimal time, adversely affecting performance. Each ETF is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the ETF. These risks could include liquidity risk, sector risk, foreign and emerging market risk, as well as risks associated with real estate investments and commodities. ETFs in which the Portfolio 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. In addition, the ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will incur expenses not incurred by their applicable indices. Certain securities comprising the indices tracked by the ETFs may, from time to time, temporarily be unavailable, which may further impede the ETFs' ability to track their applicable indices.
- **Fixed Income Risk:** When the Portfolio invests in bonds and other fixed income securities directly or through underlying funds, the value of your investment in the Portfolio will fluctuate with changes in interest rates. Typically, a rise in interest rates causes a decline in the value of fixed income securities or derivatives owned by the Portfolio. 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 Portfolio. 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 include credit risk (the debtor may default) and prepayment risk (the debtor may pay its obligation early, reducing the amount of interest payments). These risks could affect the value of a particular investment by the Portfolio possibly causing the Portfolio's share price and total return to be reduced and fluctuate more than other types of investments.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** The Portfolio's investments in foreign currency denominated securities will subject the Portfolio to currency trading risks that include market risk, interest rate risk and country 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 Portfolios 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.
- **Foreign Investment 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.
- **Inflation Protected Securities Risk:** Inflation-protected debt securities tend to react to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates represent nominal (stated) interest rates reduced by the expected impact of inflation. In general, the price of an inflation-protected debt security can fall when real interest rates rise, and can rise when real interest rates fall. Interest payments on inflation-protected debt securities can be unpredictable and will vary as the principal and/or interest is adjusted for inflation.

- *Liquidity Risk:* Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Portfolio's returns because the Portfolio 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 Portfolio may have to liquidate portfolio securities at disadvantageous prices and times, which could reduce the returns of the Portfolio. 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 NAV of the Portfolio changes daily based on the performance of the securities in which it invests. The ability of the Portfolio to meet its investment objective is directly related to the adviser's allocation of the Portfolio's assets using its 7Twelve™ Model portfolio strategy. The adviser's objective judgments, based on investment strategy, about the attractiveness and potential appreciation of particular investments in which the Portfolio invests may prove to be incorrect and there is no guarantee that the adviser's investment strategy will produce the desired results.
- *Market Risk:* The NAV of the Portfolio will fluctuate based on changes in the value of the securities in which the Portfolio invests. The Portfolio invests in securities that may be more volatile and carry more risk than some other forms of investment. The price of securities may rise or fall because of economic or political changes. Security prices, in general, may decline over short or even extended periods of time. Market prices of securities in broad market segments may be adversely affected by a prominent issuer having experienced losses or by the lack of earnings or such an issuer's failure to meet the market's expectations with respect to new products or services, or even by factors wholly unrelated to the value or condition of the issuer, such as changes in interest rates. The occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years, such as terrorist attacks, natural disasters, pandemics, social and political discord or debt crises and downgrades, among others, may result in market volatility and may have long term effects on both the U.S. and global financial markets. Given the increasing interdependence among global economies and markets, conditions in one country, market, or region are increasingly likely to adversely affect markets, issuers, and/or foreign exchange rates in other countries, including the U.S. Any such events could have a significant adverse impact on the value of the Portfolio's investments.
- *Natural Resource Risk:* The Portfolio's exposure to companies primarily engaged in the natural resource markets may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than investments in the stock market as a whole. Natural resource companies will be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity price volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Economic forces, including forces affecting the agricultural commodity, energy and mining markets, as well as government policies and regulations affecting the extraction and production of natural resources could adversely affect the portfolio companies and, thus, the Portfolio's returns. Governmental policies affecting the natural resources industries, such as taxes, tariffs, duties, subsidies and import and export restrictions on commodities and commodity products, can influence industry profitability and the volume and types of exports. In addition, the portfolio companies must comply with a broad range of environmental laws and regulations. Additional or more stringent environmental laws and regulations may be enacted in the future and such changes could have a material adverse effect on the business of the portfolio companies.
- *Real Estate Risk:* Real estate values rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic conditions, interest rates and tax considerations. When economic growth is slow, demand for property decreases and prices tend to decline. Property values tend to decrease because of overbuilding, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, changes in zoning laws, environmental regulations or hazards, uninsured casualty or condemnation losses, or a general decline in neighborhood values. A REIT's performance depends on the types and locations of the properties it owns and on how well it manages those properties. A decline in rental income will occur because of extended vacancies, increased competition from other properties, tenants' failure to pay rent or poor management. A REIT's performance also depends on the company's ability to finance property purchases and renovations and manage its cash flows. Because REITs typically are invested in a limited number of projects or in a particular market segment, they are more susceptible to adverse developments affecting a single project or market segment than more broadly diversified investments.
- *Small and Medium Capitalization Stock Risk:* The value of small or medium capitalization company stocks or underlying funds that invest in stocks of small and medium capitalization companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than those of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. These companies may have narrower markets, limited product lines, fewer financial resources, and they may be dependent on a limited management group. Investing in lesser-known, small and medium capitalization companies involves greater risk of volatility of the Portfolio's NAV than is customarily associated with larger, more established companies. Often small and medium capitalization companies and the industries in which they are focused are still evolving and, while this may offer better growth potential than larger, more established companies, it also may make them more sensitive to changing market conditions.
- *Underlying Funds Risk:* Mutual funds and ETFs are subject to investment advisory fees and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Portfolio. As a result, the cost of investing in the Portfolio will be higher than the cost of investing directly in other investment companies and may be higher than other mutual funds that invest directly in stocks and bonds. The ETFs in which the Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track and the market value of ETF and closed-end fund shares may differ from their NAV. Each underlying fund is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the underlying fund.

**Portfolio Holdings Disclosure:** A description of the Portfolio's policies regarding the release of portfolio holdings information is available in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information. Shareholders may request portfolio holdings schedules at no charge by calling 1-877-525-0712.

**Cybersecurity:** The computer systems, networks and devices used by the Portfolio 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 the Portfolio and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. The Portfolio 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 the Portfolio's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Portfolio's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of the Portfolio, 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 Portfolio invests; counterparties with which the Portfolio 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 the Portfolio'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:** 7Twelve Advisors, LLC, located at 3100 West End Ave., Suite 930, Nashville, TN 37203 serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. As of December 31, 2019, the adviser had total assets under management of approximately \$59 million. Subject to the oversight of the Board, the adviser is responsible for management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio. The adviser is responsible for selecting the Portfolio's investments according to the Portfolio's investment objective, policies and restrictions. The adviser was established in 2008 and serves primarily individuals and institutions.

Pursuant to an advisory agreement between the Portfolio and the adviser, the adviser is entitled to receive, on a monthly basis, an annual advisory fee equal to 0.15% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Portfolio paid investment advisory fees to the Adviser at an annual rate of 0.15% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the advisory agreement is available in the Portfolio's semi-annual shareholder report dated June 30, 2019.

Craig Israelsen, Executive-in-Residence in the Financial Planning Program at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, consults with the Portfolio's portfolio manager on at least a quarterly basis regarding any changes or refinements to the 7Twelve™ asset allocation model and possible implications for management of the Portfolio. Mr. Israelsen is not directly compensated by the Portfolio, but as a partial owner of the adviser, he receives a share of the adviser's profits, if any.

### **Portfolio Manager:**

#### **Andrew D. Martin**

#### *President*

Mr. Martin has served as President of the adviser since co-founding the adviser in November 2008. Mr. Martin is also a Registered Principal for Silver Oak Securities, Inc. (not affiliated with 7Twelve Advisors, LLC), a Tennessee based broker/dealer with a Nashville, TN office, a position held since November 2017. Prior to November 2017, Mr. Martin served as a registered principal with Girard Securities, Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee from 2008 to 2017. Mr. Martin has worked in sales, management, and operations in the securities industry for over 25 years, including serving as regional sales manager for over 200 registered representatives in a thirteen state region, after beginning his career with Merrill Lynch in New York City. He holds a B.B.A. in economics from Belmont University and a Master's Degree in liberal arts from Vanderbilt University. He holds series 7, 24, 53, 63 and 66 securities licenses and he is a Member of the Investment Management Consultants Association.

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

## **HOW SHARES ARE PRICED**

The public offering price and NAV of Portfolio 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 the Portfolio less its liabilities divided by the total number of the Portfolio’s shares outstanding. ((Assets minus 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 the Portfolio, including investment advisory, administration, and distribution fees, if any, which are accrued daily. The determination of NAV of the Portfolio 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 Portfolio (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. 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. It is possible that the valuation determined by matrix pricing for a debt security may differ materially from the value that would be realized if the security were sold. During times of market volatility, it may be necessary for the Fund to utilize its fair value procedures to value (as described below) certain debt securities.

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 committee composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) adviser. The committee 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.

The Portfolio may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the value of the Portfolio’s securities. With respect to foreign securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges or that may trade on weekends or other days when the Portfolio does not price its shares, the value of the Portfolio’s portfolio may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Portfolio shares. In computing the NAV of the Portfolio, the adviser values foreign securities held by the Portfolio, if any, 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 the investment portfolio occur before the Portfolio prices its shares, the security will be valued at fair value. For example, if trading in a security is halted and does not resume before the Portfolio calculates its NAV, the adviser may need to price the security using the Portfolio’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 Portfolio’s 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 Portfolio’s NAV by short-term traders.

With respect to any portion of the Portfolio’s assets that is invested in one or more open-end management investment companies (mutual funds) that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), the Portfolio’s net asset value is calculated based upon the net asset values of the mutual funds in which the Portfolio 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 SHARES AND REDEEM SHARES**

This Prospectus describes one class of shares offered by the Portfolio: Class 4. Class 3 shares of the Portfolio are sold by a separate prospectus. The Portfolio offers multiple classes of shares so that you can choose the class which best suits your investment needs. The main differences between each class are ongoing fees. For information on ongoing distribution fees, see **Distribution Fees** on page 14 of this Prospectus. Each class of shares in the Portfolio represents interest in the same portfolio of investments within the Portfolio. All share classes may not be available in all states.

As described earlier in this prospectus, shares of the Portfolio are intended to be sold to certain separate accounts of a Participating Insurance Company, 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 Portfolio 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 Portfolio are credited to the shareholder's account in the form of full or fractional shares of the Portfolio. The Portfolio does 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 Portfolio is 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 Portfolio 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 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 Insurance Company, or qualified pension or retirement plan, in proper form as defined by the relevant company or plan. All requests received in good order as defined by each Participating 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. A Participating Insurance Company or qualified pension or retirement plan is responsible for properly transmitting purchase orders and federal funds to the Portfolio.

The USA PATRIOT Act requires financial institutions, including the Portfolio, 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**

The Portfolio intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). As qualified, the Portfolio 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 Portfolio'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 the Portfolio are offered to the separate accounts of the Participating Insurance Companies and their 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 Portfolio, must meet certain diversification requirements. If the Portfolio does 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 Portfolio. The Portfolio intends to comply with the diversification requirements. These requirements are in addition to the diversification requirements imposed on the Portfolio 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 the Portfolio 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 annuity contracts and the holders thereof, see the prospectus for the applicable annuity contract.

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

## **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 Portfolio shares unless an election is made on behalf of a separate account or other shareholder 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 REDEMPTIONS OF PORTFOLIO SHARES**

The Portfolio discourages and does not accommodate market timing. Frequent trading into and out of the Portfolio can harm all Portfolio shareholders by disrupting the Portfolio's investment strategies, increasing Portfolio expenses, decreasing tax efficiency and diluting the value of shares held by long-term shareholders. Portfolio investments in ETFs that hold foreign securities pose a greater risk of market timing because the underlying ETF holding foreign securities may, itself, be subject to time zone market timing because of differences between hours of trading between U.S. and foreign exchanges. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors and is not intended for market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Accordingly, the Board has approved policies that seek to curb these disruptive activities while recognizing that shareholders may have a legitimate need to adjust their Portfolio investments as their financial needs or circumstances change.

The Portfolio reserves 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 Portfolio 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 a Portfolio.

Because purchase and sale transactions are submitted to the Portfolio on an aggregated basis by the insurance company issuing the variable insurance contract or variable life contract, or other shareholder, the Portfolio is not able to identify market timing transactions by individual variable insurance contract or plan participant. Short of rejecting all transactions made by a separate account, the Portfolio lacks the ability to reject individual short-term trading transactions. The Portfolio, therefore, has to rely upon the insurance company or other shareholder to police restrictions in the variable insurance contracts or according to the insurance company's administrative policies, or such shareholder's plan documents. The Portfolio has entered into an information sharing agreement with the insurance company or other shareholders that use the Portfolio as an underlying investment vehicle for its separate accounts. Under this agreement, the insurance company or other shareholder 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 Portfolio; (ii) furnish the Portfolio, upon its request, with information regarding contract or policy holder trading activities in shares of the Portfolio; and (iii) enforce its market timing policy with respect to contract, policy holders or plan participants identified by the Portfolio as having engaged in market timing.

The Portfolio will seek to monitor for market timing activities, such as unusual cash flows, and work with the applicable insurance company or plan to determine whether or not short-term trading is involved. When information regarding transactions in the Portfolio's shares is requested by the Portfolio 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 Portfolio, to restrict or prohibit the indirect intermediary from purchasing shares of the Portfolio on behalf of the contract or policy holder or any other persons. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio 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 Portfolio and the contract and policy holders and other factors such as state insurance laws may limit the Portfolio's ability to deter market timing. Multiple tiers of such financial intermediaries may further compound the Portfolio's 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**

**Distributor:** Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, 4221 North 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-3474, is the distributor for the shares of the Portfolio. Northern Lights Distributors, LLC is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). Shares of the Portfolio are offered on a continuous basis.

**Other Classes:** In addition to the Class 4 shares offered in this Prospectus, the Portfolio offers Class 3 shares by a separate prospectus.

**Distribution Fees:** The Trust, with respect to the Portfolio has adopted the Trust's Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan (the "Plan") for Class 4 shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act, which allows the Portfolio to pay the Portfolio's distributor an annual fee for distribution and shareholder servicing expenses of up to 0.60% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets attributable to the Class 4 shares of the Portfolio. 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 services and/or the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

The Portfolio's 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 Portfolio 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 Portfolio's 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 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 Portfolio's distributor, its affiliates, and the Portfolio's adviser may each, at its own expense and out of its own assets including its legitimate profits from Portfolio-related activities, provide additional cash payments to financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Portfolio. 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 and any sales charges 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 the Portfolio 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 Portfolio shareholders. The distributor may, from time to time, provide promotional incentives, including reallowance and/or payment of up to the entire sales charge, 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, the Portfolio mails 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 Portfolio at 1-877-525-0712 on days the Portfolio is open for business or contact your financial institution. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio 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. Shareholders shall be entitled to one vote for each share held.

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

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Portfolio's financial performance for the past five years. 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 the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information for the Portfolio 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, 2019 annual report, which is available upon request.

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

	Class 4				
	For the Year Ended December 31, 2019	For the Year Ended December 31, 2018	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016	For the Year Ended December 31, 2015 <sup>(1)</sup>
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 11.34	\$ 12.47	\$ 11.34	\$ 10.40	\$ 11.28
Activity from investment operations:					
Net investment income <sup>(2,3)</sup>	0.15	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.03
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.53	(1.18)	1.11	0.92	(0.86)
Total from investment operations	1.68	(1.07)	1.17	0.96	(0.83)
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(0.15)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.05)
Net realized gains	(0.27)	—	—	—	—
Total distributions	(0.42)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.05)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 12.60	\$ 11.34	\$ 12.47	\$ 11.34	\$ 10.40
Total return <sup>(4)</sup>	14.90%	(8.63)%	10.35%	9.21%	(7.35)%
Net assets, at end of year (000s)	\$ 55,922	\$ 56,967	\$ 73,680	\$ 76,598	\$ 79,380
Ratio of expenses to average net assets <sup>(5)</sup>	1.20%	1.20%	1.20%	1.20%	1.20%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(3,5)</sup>	1.26%	0.90%	0.54%	0.33%	0.27%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	2%	22%	28%	11%	14%

(1) Effective April 17, 2015 portfolio shares were renamed Class 4 shares.

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

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

(4) Total returns are historical in nature and assume changes in share price, reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions, if any.

(5) The ratios of expenses to average net assets and net investment income to average net assets do not reflect the expenses of the underlying investment companies in which the Portfolio invests.

# **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.	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>For our marketing purposes</b> - to offer our products and services to you.	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies.</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> - information about your transactions and records.	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes</b> - information about your credit worthiness.	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>
<b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>We don't share</b>

**QUESTIONS? Call 1-402-493-4603**

## What we do:

<b>How does Northern Lights Variable Trust protect my personal information?</b>	<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>
<b>How does Northern Lights Variable Trust collect my personal information?</b>	<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>
<b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b>	<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

<b>Affiliates</b>	<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 its affiliates.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Nonaffiliates</b>	<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>
<b>Joint marketing</b>	<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>

## 7TWELVE BALANCED PORTFOLIO

<b>Adviser</b>	<b>7Twelve Advisors, LLC</b> 3100 West End Ave., Suite 930 Nashville, TN 37203	<b>Distributor</b>	<b>Northern Lights Distributors, LLC</b> 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474
<b>Independent Registered Public Accountant</b>	<b>BBD, LLP</b> 1835 Market Street, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103	<b>Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Thompson Hine LLP</b> 41 South High Street, Suite 1700 Columbus, OH 43215
<b>Custodian</b>	<b>MUFG Union Bank, N.A.</b> 400 California Street San Francisco, CA 94104	<b>Transfer Agent</b>	<b>Gemini Fund Services, LLC</b> 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474

Additional information about the Portfolio is included in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information dated May 1, 2020 (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 Portfolio's policies and management. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments is available in the Portfolio's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders. In the Portfolio's Annual Report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's 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 Portfolio, or to make shareholder inquiries about the Portfolio, please call 1-877-525-0712. The Portfolio does not have a website. You may also write to:

**7TWELVE BALANCED PORTFOLIO**  
c/o Gemini Fund Services, LLC  
4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100  
Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-3474

Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

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