

# **Donoghue Forlines** Momentum VIT Fund: A Tactical Strategy

As of 6/30/21

## **FUND GOAL**

The Donoghue Forlines Momentum VIT Fund's investment objective is capital growth with a secondary objective of generating income.

## POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO INVESTORS

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• Tactical Overlays

· Quarterly Reconstitution

- Risk-Adjusted Momentum
- Sector Diversification
- Equal Weighting

There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will achieve its objectives, generate profits or avoid losses.

# Morningstar Rating $^{\text{\tiny{M}}} \star \star \star \star$

Overall for the period ending 6/30/2021 out of 237 funds in the US Funds Tactical Allocation Category based on risk adjusted returns.

#### **INDEX SELECTION PROCESS**

Universe of 1000 Large to Mid-Cap Stocks

High Risk Adjusted Momentum Stocks with **Sector Neutral Exposure** 

**Quality Oriented Screens** 

50 Stocks Equal Weighted

50% Shorter Term Exponential Moving Average Crossover

50% Longer Term Exponential **Moving Average Crossover** 

100% Stocks or 50%

100% Defensive Position

The adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's objectives by seeking to track the TrimTabs Donoghue Forlines Risk Managed Free Cash Flow Momentum Sector Neutral 50 Index ("Momentum Index") that provides a formulaic methodology for allocating investments between securities of issuers who demonstrate higher free cash flow and positive momentum and short-term treasuries (maturity of 1 to 3 years).

The methodology of the Momentum Index is designed to convey the benefits of high free cash flow and momentum, sector diversification and equal weighting. In seeking to track the Momentum Index, the adviser buys equity securities in the Fund as described below when the index's indicators are positive and sells them when its indicators are significantly negative. As described above, the Fund will invest in as many as 50 equity securities. The Momentum Index is reconstituted and rebalanced quarterly during March, June, September, and December.

The Momentum index establishes an equity portfolio consisting of up to 50 equity securities based on a combined profitability rank (measured by free cash flow over total equity) and momentum rank (measured by total return over standard deviation of weekly total return) from the constituents of the Russell 1000 Index and a U.S. Treasury portfolio consisting of short-term treasury ETFs. Free cash flow is the amount of cash a company produces after paying for operating and capital expenses. Only companies with positive free cash flow and meeting an average daily traded volume minimum over the previous six months are eligible for inclusion in the Momentum Index. Upon selection each security will receive an equal weighting with sector weightings based on the current FactSet RBICS sector weights of the Russell 1000 Index. If there are not enough eligible securities within a sector, inclusion will be stopped for that sector at the number of eligible securities. The Momentum Index then applies the Adviser's defensive tactical overlays as described above.

PROSPECTUS & ACCOUNT QUESTIONS:

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# Important Risk Information

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Donoghue Forlines Momentum Fund. This and other information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus and should be read carefully before investing. The prospectus can be obtained by calling toll free 1-877-779-7462. The Donoghue Forlines Momentum Fund is distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC. Member FINRA/SIPC. Donoghue Forlines LLC is not affiliated with Northern Lights Distributors, LLC.

As with all mutual funds, there is the risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Fund. The net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate based on changes in the value of the equity securities in which it invests. Hedging strategies may not perform as anticipated by the adviser and the Fund could suffer losses by hedging with underlying money market funds if stock prices do not decline. If money market funds are utilized, such Underlying Funds are subject to investment advisory and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. As a result, your cost of investing in the Fund will be higher than the cost of investing directly in Underlying Funds and may be higher than other mutual funds that do not invest in Underlying Funds. Investors cannot directly invest in an index and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

#### INVESTMENT ADVISER TO THE FUND

Donoghue Forlines LLC (formerly W.E. Donoghue & Co., LLC) is a tactical investment firm that has specialized in risk-managed portfolios since 1986. Our tactical strategies are based upon rigorous analysis of decades of historical data. The Donoghue Forlines Funds utilize technical indicators to recognize shifts in market momentum and uses proprietary tactical signals to help mitigate losses in down trending markets and potentially offer strong client-centric risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle.

#### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

- John A. Forlines III
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PERFORMANCE as of 06/30/2021							
Fund Name	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception (06/01/2007)	
Class 1 Shares	24.14%	60.37%	9.40%	10.59%	9.81%	6.52%	
S&P 500 TR	15.25%	40.79%	18.67%	17.65%	14.84%	N/A	

The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 877-779-7462.

The fund is an investment vehicle for variable annuity contracts and may be subject to fees or expenses that are typically charged by these contracts. Please review the insurance contract prospectus for further description of these fees and expenses. This product is available as a sub-account investment to a variable life insurance policy only and is not offered directly to the general public. The below table describes the annual operating expenses that you pay indirectly if you invest in the Fund through your retirement plan or if you allocate your insurance contract premiums or payments to the Fund. However, each insurance contract and separate account involves fees and expenses that are not described here. 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.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Class 1 Shares
Management Fees	1.00%
Distribution & Shareholder Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%
Other Expenses	0.32%
Aquired Fund Fees & Expenses (1)	0.03%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.60%

Donoghue Forlines Momentum VIT Fund tracks a proprietary index identified in the Fund's prospectus. One cannot invest directly in an index. The index is a rules-based index, which reflects the theoretical performance an investor would have obtained had it invested in the manner shown and does not represent returns actually obtained and does not represent returns an investor actually attained, as investors cannot invest directly in an index. No representation is being made that any client will or is likely to achieve results similar to those presented herein. The index performance includes the reinvestments of all dividends and distributions. Past performance is no guarantee of future results or returns.

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As of 6/30/21, the Fund received a 3 year rating of 3 stars out of 237 funds, a 5 year rating of 4 stars out of 196 funds, and a 10 year rating of 5 stars out of 89 funds in the US Fund Tactical Allocation category.