

NORTHSTAR VARIABLE ANNUITY

AN INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED VARIABLE/FIXED ANNUITY CONTRACT

issued by

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company

and its

Northstar Variable Account

Supplement Dated May 1, 2014

This supplement updates and amends certain information contained in your prospectus dated August 8, 1997, and subsequent supplements thereto. Please read it carefully and keep it with your prospectus for future reference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY

Information about the ReliaStar Life Insurance Company in your Contract prospectus is deleted and replaced with the following:

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company (“ReliaStar Life,” “we,” “us,” “our,” and the “company”) issues the Contracts described in the prospectus and is responsible for providing each Contract’s insurance benefits. All guarantees and benefits provided under the Contracts that are not related to the Variable Account are subject to the claims paying ability of the company and our general account. We are a stock life insurance company organized in 1885 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota. We are admitted to do business in the District of Columbia and all states except New York. Our headquarters is at 20 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

We are an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Voya Financial, Inc. (“VoyaTM”), which until April 7, 2014, was known as ING U.S., Inc. In May, 2013, the common stock of Voya began trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “VOYA” and Voya completed its initial public offering of common stock.

Voya is an affiliate of ING Groep N.V. (“ING”), a global financial institution active in the fields of insurance, banking and asset management. In 2009 ING announced the anticipated separation of its global banking and insurance businesses, including the divestiture of Voya, which together with its subsidiaries, including the company, constitutes ING’s U.S.-based retirement, investment management and insurance operations. As of March 25, 2014, ING’s ownership of Voya was approximately 43%. Under an agreement with the European Commission, ING is required to divest itself of 100% of Voya by the end of 2016.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INVESTMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

In connection with the rebranding of ING U.S. as Voya Financial, effective May 1, 2014, the ING Funds were renamed by generally replacing ING in each Fund name with either Voya or VY.

The following chart lists the Investment Funds (“Funds”) that are, effective May 1, 2014, available through the Northstar Variable Account, along with each Fund’s investment adviser/subadviser and investment objective. More detailed information about these Funds can be found in the current prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for each Fund. If you received a summary prospectus for any of the Funds available through your Contract, you may obtain a full prospectus and other Fund information free of charge by either accessing the internet address, calling the telephone number or sending an email request to the email address shown on the front of the Fund’s summary prospectus.

There is no assurance that the stated investment objectives of any of the Funds will be achieved. Shares of the Funds will rise and fall in value and you could lose money by allocating Contract Value to the Sub-Accounts that invest in the Funds. Shares of the Funds are not bank deposits and are not guaranteed, endorsed or insured by any financial institution, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Except as noted, all Funds are diversified, as defined under the 1940 Act.

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Investment Adviser/Subadviser Voya Balanced Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadvisers: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks total return consisting of capital appreciation (both realized and unrealized) and current income; the secondary investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.
Voya Growth and Income Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadvisers: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to maximize total return through investments in a diversified portfolio of common stocks and securities convertible into common stocks. It is anticipated that capital appreciation and investment income will both be major factors in achieving total return.
Voya International Index Portfolio (Class S) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadvisers: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks investment results (before fees and expenses) that correspond to the total return (which includes capital appreciation and income) of a widely accepted international index.
Voya SmallCap Opportunities Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadvisers: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
VY Pioneer High Yield Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Directed Services LLC Subadvisers: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.	Seeks to maximize total return through income and capital appreciation.

INFORMATION ABOUT CLOSED SUB-ACCOUNTS

The Sub-Accounts that invest in the following Funds are closed to new investment:

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Fidelity® VIP Index 500 Portfolio (Initial Class) Investment Adviser: Fidelity Management & Research Company Subadvisers: Geode Capital Management, LLC and FMR Co., Inc.	Seeks investment results that correspond to the total return of common stocks publicly traded in the United States, as represented by the S&P 500® Index.
Fidelity® VIP Money Market Portfolio (Initial Class) Investment Adviser: Fidelity Management & Research Company Subadvisers: Fidelity Investments Money Management, Inc. and other investment advisers	Seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity.
Voya International Value Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadvisers: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Voya MidCap Opportunities Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadvisers: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Contract Owners who have Contract Value allocated to one or more of the Sub-Accounts that correspond to these Funds may leave their Contract Value in those Sub-Accounts, but future allocations and transfers into them are prohibited. If your most recent premium allocation instructions includes a Sub-Account that corresponds to one of these Funds, premium received that would have been allocated to a Sub-Account corresponding to one of these Funds may be automatically allocated among the other available Sub-Accounts according to your most recent premium allocation instructions. If your most recent allocation instructions do not include any available Funds, you must provide us with alternative allocation instructions or the premium payment will be returned to you. You may give us alternative allocation instructions by contacting Customer Service at P.O. Box 5050, Minot, ND 58702-5050, 1-877-884-5050 or www.ingservicecenter.com. **See the “Transfers” section beginning on page 21 of your Contract prospectus for information about making Fund allocation changes.**

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

More information about the Funds available through your Contract, including information about the risks associated with investing in them, can be found in the current prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for each Fund. You may obtain these documents by contacting:

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