

**ReliaStar Life Insurance Company
and its
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**Supplement dated as of May 18, 2018 to the Contract Prospectus and
Statement of Additional Information, each dated April 30, 2012, as amended**

The following information updates and amends certain information contained in your variable annuity Contract Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), each dated April 30, 2012, as amended. Please read it carefully and keep it with your Contract Prospectus and SAI for future reference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY

The information pertaining to ReliaStar Life Insurance Company under the heading “The Company” in the Contract Prospectus and the first two paragraphs under the heading “General Information and History” in the SAI are deleted and replaced with the following:

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company (the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our”) issues the contracts described in this prospectus and is responsible for providing each contract’s insurance and annuity benefits. All guarantees and benefits provided under the contracts that are not related to the separate 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 insurance laws of the State of Minnesota. Prior to October 1, 2002, the contracts were issued by Northern Life Insurance Company (“Northern”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. On October 1, 2002, Northern merged into the Company, and the Company assumed responsibilities for Northern’s obligations under the contracts.

We are an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Voya Financial, Inc. (“Voya”), 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”.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table shows the minimum and maximum total operating expenses charged by the funds that you may pay periodically during the time that you own the contract. The minimum and maximum expenses listed below are based on expenses for the funds’ most recent fiscal year ends without taking into account any fee waiver or expense reimbursement arrangements that may apply. Expenses of the funds may be higher or lower in the future. More detail concerning each fund’s fees and expenses is contained in the prospectus for each fund.

Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	Minimum	Maximum
(expenses that are deducted from fund assets, including management fees, distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees, and other expenses):	0.27%	1.41%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CONTRACTS

The following chart lists the variable investment options that are available through the contracts. Some investment options may be unavailable through certain contracts or plans, or in some states.

The investment results of the mutual funds (funds) are likely to differ significantly and there is no assurance that any of the funds will achieve their respective investment objectives. You should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges, and expenses of the funds carefully before investing. Please refer to the fund prospectuses for additional information. Shares of the funds will rise and fall in value and you could lose money by investing 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. Fund prospectuses may be obtained free of charge by contacting us at Customer Service, P.O. Box 5050 Minot, ND 58702-5050, calling 1-877-884-5050 or by accessing the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") website or by contacting the SEC Public Reference Branch. 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.

Certain funds offered under the contracts have investment objectives and policies similar to other funds managed by the fund's investment adviser. The investment results of a fund may be higher or lower than those of other funds managed by the same adviser. There is no assurance and no representation is made that the investment results of any fund will be comparable to those of another fund managed by the same investment adviser.

Fund Name	
Investment Adviser/ Subadviser	Investment Objective(s)
American Funds Insurance Series® – Growth Fund (Class 2)	Seeks growth of capital.
Investment Adviser: Capital Research and Management Company SM	
American Funds Insurance Series® – Growth-Income Fund (Class 2)	Seeks long-term growth of capital and income.
Investment Adviser: Capital Research and Management Company SM	
American Funds Insurance Series® – International Fund (Class 2)	Seeks long-term growth of capital.
Investment Adviser: Capital Research and Management Company SM	
Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund (Class 2)	Seeks long-term total return. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments of small-capitalization companies.
Investment Adviser: Franklin Advisory Services, LLC	

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Investment Adviser/ Subadviser Lord Abbett Series Fund, Inc. - Mid Cap Stock Portfolio (Class VC) Investment Adviser: Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC	Seeks to deliver long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in stocks of mid-sized U.S. companies.
Oppenheimer Main Street Small Cap Fund®/VA (Non-Service Shares) Investment Adviser: OFI Global Asset Management, Inc. Subadviser: OppenheimerFunds, Inc.	The Fund seeks capital appreciation.
PIMCO Real Return Portfolio (Administrative Class) Investment Adviser: Pacific Investment Management Company LLC	Seeks maximum real return, consistent with preservation of real capital and prudent investment management.
Pioneer High Yield VCT Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.	Maximize total return through a combination of income and capital appreciation. The Portfolio invests in below-investment-grade debt securities and preferred securities.
Voya Global Bond Portfolio (Class S) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to maximize total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation.
Voya Global Equity Portfolio (Class I)⁽¹⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks long-term capital growth and current income.
Voya Government Money Market Portfolio (Class I)^{*(2)} Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to provide high current return consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity, through investment in high-quality money market instruments while maintaining a stable share price of \$1.00.
* There is no guarantee that the Voya Government Money Market Portfolio subaccount will have a positive or level return.	
Voya Growth and Income Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to maximize total return through investments in a diversified portfolio of common stock and securities convertible into common stocks. It is anticipated that capital appreciation and investment income will both be major factors in achieving total return.

Fund Name	
Investment Adviser/ Subadviser	Investment Objective(s)
Voya Index Plus MidCap Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks to outperform the total return performance of the S&P MidCap 400 [®] Index while maintaining a market level of risk.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya Intermediate Bond Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks to maximize total return consistent with reasonable risk. The Portfolio seeks its objective through investments in a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of debt securities. It is anticipated that capital appreciation and investment income will both be major factors in achieving total return.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya International Index Portfolio (Class I)	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.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya Large Cap Growth Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks long-term capital growth.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya Large Cap Value Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks long-term growth of capital and current income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya MidCap Opportunities Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya SmallCap Opportunities Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya Solution 2025 Portfolio (Class S)⁽³⁾	Until the day prior to its Target Date, the Portfolio seeks to provide total return consistent with an asset allocation targeted at retirement in approximately 2025. On the Target Date, the Portfolio's investment objective will be to seek to provide a combination of total return and stability of principal consistent with an asset allocation targeted to retirement.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Investment Adviser/ Subadviser Voya Solution 2035 Portfolio (Class S)⁽³⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Until the day prior to its Target Date, the Portfolio seeks to provide total return consistent with an asset allocation targeted at retirement in approximately 2035. On the Target Date, the Portfolio's investment objective will be to seek to provide a combination of total return and stability of principal consistent with an asset allocation targeted to retirement.
Voya Solution 2045 Portfolio (Class S)⁽³⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Until the day prior to its Target Date, the Portfolio seeks to provide total return consistent with an asset allocation targeted at retirement in approximately 2045. On the Target Date, the Portfolio's investment objective will be to seek to provide a combination of total return and stability of principal consistent with an asset allocation targeted to retirement.
Voya Solution Income Portfolio (Class S)⁽³⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to provide a combination of total return and stability of principal consistent with an asset allocation targeted to retirement.
Voya Strategic Allocation Conservative Portfolio (Class I)⁽³⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to provide total return (<i>i.e.</i> , income and capital growth, both realized and unrealized) consistent with preservation of capital.
Voya Strategic Allocation Growth Portfolio (Class I)⁽³⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to provide capital appreciation.
Voya Strategic Allocation Moderate Portfolio (Class I)⁽³⁾ Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to provide capital appreciation.
Voya U.S. Stock Index Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks total return.

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Investment Adviser/ Subadviser	Investment Objective(s)
VY[®] American Century Small-Mid Cap Value Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks long-term capital growth. Income is a secondary objective.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: American Century Investment Management, Inc.	
VY[®] Baron Growth Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: BAMCO, Inc.	
VY[®] Clarion Global Real Estate Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks high total return consisting of capital appreciation and current income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: CBRE Clarion Securities LLC	
VY[®] Columbia Contrarian Core Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks total return consisting of long-term capital appreciation and current income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC	
VY[®] Invesco Comstock Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks capital growth and income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Invesco Advisers, Inc.	
VY[®] Invesco Equity and Income Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks total return consisting of long-term capital appreciation and current income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Invesco Advisers, Inc.	
VY[®] Invesco Growth and Income Portfolio (Class S2)	Seeks long-term growth of capital and income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Invesco Advisers, Inc.	

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Investment Adviser/ Subadviser	Investment Objective(s)
VY[®] JPMorgan Mid Cap Value Portfolio (Class S)⁽⁴⁾	Seeks growth from capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.	
VY[®] Oppenheimer Global Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: OppenheimerFunds, Inc.	
VY[®] Pioneer High Yield Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks to maximize total return through income and capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, Inc.	
VY[®] T. Rowe Price Diversified Mid Cap Growth Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	
VY[®] T. Rowe Price Equity Income Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks a high level of divided income as well as long-term growth of capital primarily through investments in stocks.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	
VY[®] T. Rowe Price Growth Equity Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks long-term growth through investments in stocks.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	
VY[®] Templeton Foreign Equity Portfolio (Class S)	Seeks long-term capital growth.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC	

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Investment Adviser/ Subadviser Wanger Select	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC	
Wanger USA	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC	

- (1) This fund employs a managed volatility strategy. A managed volatility strategy is a strategy that is intended to reduce the fund's overall volatility and downside risk, and thereby, help us manage the risks associated with providing certain guarantees under the contract. During rising markets, the hedging strategies employed to manage volatility could result in your account value rising less than would have been the case if you had been invested in a fund with substantially similar investment objectives, policies and strategies that does not utilize a volatility management strategy. In addition, the cost of these hedging strategies may have a negative impact on performance. On the other hand, investing in funds with a managed volatility strategy may be helpful in a declining market with higher market volatility because the hedging strategy will reduce your equity exposure in such circumstances. In such cases, your account value may decline less than would have been the case if you had not invested in funds with a managed volatility strategy. There is no guarantee that a managed volatility strategy can achieve or maintain the fund's optimal risk targets, and the fund may not perform as expected.
- (2) Available for investment in transfer premium series contracts only.
- (3) These funds are structured as "fund of funds" or "master-feeder" funds that invest directly in shares of an underlying fund. Please refer to the Fund prospectus for information about the aggregate annual operating expenses of the Fund and its corresponding underlying Fund or Funds.
- (4) Effective February 7, 2014, this Fund was closed to new investments.