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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 11-K

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2012

.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-14642

A.Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

ING Americas Savings Plan and ESOP

B.Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

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or

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II. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 1           | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Ernst & Young LLP                     |
| 99.1        | Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) |

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

ING U.S. Pension Committee  
ING Americas Savings Plan and ESOP

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the ING Americas Savings Plan and ESOP as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2012, and nonexempt transactions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Atlanta, Georgia  
June 27, 2013

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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
 As of December 31, 2012 and 2011

|   | 2012              | 2011              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Assets  |                   |                   |
| Receivables:  |                   |                   |
| Notes receivable from participants  | \$ 19,787,535     | \$ 20,005,254     |
| <b>Total receivable</b>   | <b>19,787,535</b> | <b>20,005,254</b> |
| Investments at fair value:  |                   |                   |
| Mutual funds  | 353,787,896       | 393,304,600       |
| Common/collective trusts  | 328,415,648       | 202,611,064       |
| ING stock funds   | 66,759,593        | 56,983,389        |
| Guaranteed investment contracts   | 429,041,104       | 413,834,097       |
| Self-directed brokerage account   | 6,352,353         | -                 |
| Net assets available for benefits at fair value   | 1,184,356,594     | 1,066,733,150     |
| Adjustment from fair value to contract value<br>for fully-benefit responsive investment contracts | (25,260,419 )     | (22,704,237 )     |
| Net assets available for benefits   | \$ 1,178,883,710  | \$ 1,064,034,167  |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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 Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
 For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

|  | 2012            | 2011            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Additions:   |                 |                 |
| Interest and dividends                                   | \$24,665,780    | \$23,337,471    |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants    | 824,030         | 882,056         |
| Contributions - participants                             | 51,574,413      | 50,377,534      |
| Contributions - employer                                 | 32,663,324      | 34,378,207      |
| Rollover contributions                                   | 5,675,697       | 4,282,314       |
| Total additions  | 115,403,244     | 113,257,582     |
| Change in fair value of investments                      | 95,302,400      | (40,261,991 )   |
| Additions, including change in fair value of investments | 210,705,644     | 72,995,591      |
| Deductions:  |                 |                 |
| Benefits paid directly to participants                   | 93,771,366      | 88,411,560      |
| Deemed distributions                                     | 2,084,735       | 1,401,470       |
| Total deductions   | 95,856,101      | 89,813,030      |
| Net increase (decrease)                                  | 114,849,543     | (16,817,439 )   |
| Net assets available for benefits:                       |                 |                 |
| Beginning of year  | 1,064,034,167   | 1,080,851,606   |
| End of year  | \$1,178,883,710 | \$1,064,034,167 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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1. Description of the Plan

The following is a general description of the ING Americas Savings Plan and ESOP, hereinafter referred to as the “Plan.” Participants should refer to the Plan documents, including the summary plan description, for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions, including those described herein.

The Plan is a voluntary defined contribution plan available to all full-time employees, as defined in the Plan document. The Plan is intended to meet the requirements for qualification as both a discretionary contribution profit sharing plan and stock bonus plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “IRC”) with an employee stock ownership feature under Section 4975(e)(7) of the IRC. The employee stock ownership feature of the Plan is designed to invest primarily in qualifying employer securities that meet the requirements of Sections 4975(e)(8) and 409(l) of the IRC. The Plan also contains a salary reduction feature intended to meet the requirements applicable to cash or deferred arrangements under Section 401(k) of the IRC. The Plan is intended to be in full compliance with applicable requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).

ING North America Insurance Corporation is the Plan sponsor (“Plan Sponsor”, “ING” or the “Company”), a wholly owned subsidiary of ING U.S., Inc., whose ultimate parent is ING Groep, N.V. (“Groep”), a global financial services company based in The Netherlands. The ING U.S. Pension Committee is the Plan administrator (“Plan Administrator”). ING National Trust is the trustee of the Plan.

The Plan covers all eligible employees of ING as well as various other related ING participating employers.

Investment Options

At December 31, 2012, the Plan’s assets were invested in the following investment vehicles:

Causeway International Value Fund  
Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund M  
ING Leveraged Stock Fund - Class I  
ING Market Stock Fund  
ING Real Estate Fund - Class I  
ING Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio - Initial Class  
ING Target Index Solution Trust 2015  
ING Target Index Solution Trust 2025  
ING Target Index Solution Trust 2035  
ING Target Index Solution Trust 2045  
ING Target Index Solution Trust 2055  
ING Target Index Solution Trust Income Fund  
Mainstay Large Cap Growth Fund - Class I  
Northern Trust Collective EAFE Index Fund - DC - Non Lending-Tier One  
Nuveen NWQ Small/Mid-Cap Value Fund - Class I  
PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional Class  
Robeco Boston Partners Large Cap Value Equity Fund  
SSgA Russell Small/Mid Cap Index NL Index Series - Class C

Stable Value Option  
TD Ameritrade SDBA  
Vanguard International Growth Fund  
Vanguard® Total Bond Market Index Fund

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Effective February 1, 2012, the Plan offered a self-directed brokerage account option (“SDBA”). The SDBA is designed for investors who want to actively manage a greater choice of investments and are willing to pay additional fees and accept full responsibility for researching, selecting, monitoring and managing their investments.

Concentrations of Risk

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Plan’s assets were significantly concentrated in ING mutual funds and shares of the Groep stock, the value of which is subject to fluctuations related to corporate, industry and economic factors.

Eligibility

All employees meeting the qualifying requirements, as specified in the Plan documents, are automatically enrolled in the Plan.

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and the Company’s contribution. Company contributions are based on participant deferrals and eligible earnings. Each participant’s account is also credited with allocations of Plan investment results; all earnings or losses are allocated to each participant’s account as soon as practicable. Participant accounts are reduced by any administrative fee or expenses charged against the account and are allocated in proportion to the participant’s account balance. Forfeited balances of terminated participants’ nonvested accounts are used to reduce future Company contributions and restore participant retired accounts previously forfeited, as specified in the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account at the time benefit payments are made.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Most participants will vest in the Company’s matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon over four years of service at the rate of 25% after the first year, 50% after the second year, 75% after the third year, and 100% after the fourth year. Certain specified participants are subject to different vesting schedules including a five year vesting schedule. Participants are immediately fully vested when any of the following occur: (1) obtaining age 65 while actively employed, (2) dying while actively employed, (3) obtaining eligibility for benefits under ING’s managed long term disability plan, or (4) termination or partial termination, of the Plan to the extent such termination applies to a participant.

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The amount of forfeited nonvested participant accounts as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$460,465 and \$2,335,055, respectively.

Effective November 1, 2010, the Plan was amended so that any participant who is actively employed by the Company on the effective date of a sale of a direct or indirect controlling interest in the Company shall be 100% vested in and shall be entitled to a benefit equal to the value of all of his or her accounts.

#### Participant Contributions

All participants in the Plan may contribute up to 50% of their pretax annual compensation. Participants may also contribute eligible amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (“rollovers”) and participant who have attained age 50 in a plan year may elect to make catch-up contributions for such plan year in addition to his or her pre-tax participant contribution. Participant contributions, other than rollovers, are subject to limitations imposed by the IRC.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Roth feature is allowed. The Roth feature allows participants to make after-tax contributions to a Roth Account. These after-tax contributions are subject to the IRC pre-tax employee contribution limits. The Roth contributions plus earnings grow tax free and all qualified Roth distributions are 100% tax free.

#### Employer Contributions

The Company matches participant pre-tax and Roth contributions at 100% of each participant’s contributions up to the first 6% of eligible compensation. The Company does not contribute matching contributions on catch-up contributions. The Company matching contributions are made in cash and allocated in accordance with each participant’s investment elections. As permitted by the Plan documents, the amount of forfeitures allocated in lieu of employer contributions as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$2,551,267 and \$0, respectively.

#### Dividends

Dividends (if any) paid on Groep shares held in an unallocated reserve as part of leverage stock acquisition are distributed to participants. Vested participants (except those who are suspended from making contributions to the Plan due to a hardship distribution) could elect to have the dividends remain in the Plan or to receive the dividends in cash. Those participants electing a cash payment are subject to current taxation on the amount received, but are not subject to the 10% penalty tax on early Plan distributions. Participants who were not vested or who were suspended from the Plan due to a hardship distribution were required under the terms of the Plan to receive their Groep shares dividends in cash. Dividends on all other shares of Company stock originally acquired by the Plan from sources other than the unallocated reserve shall remain in participant accounts. There were no dividends distributed as cash for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

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### Participant Loans

Subject to the provisions of the Plan and applicable law, a participant may borrow against his/her account balance provided that the amount requested is at least \$1,000 but not more than the lesser of 50% of the participant's vested balance or \$50,000 (taking into account the outstanding balance of all Plan loans made within the prior twelve months).

Each loan will bear an interest rate as prescribed by the Plan's applicable provisions, currently the prime interest rate plus 1%. Loan repayment periods are for a maximum of five years. Principal and interest are repaid ratably through payroll deductions.

### Deemed Distributions

The Plan treats participant loans that are in default due to a missed payment, and outstanding loan balances when a terminated participant takes a distribution, as deemed distributions. A loan to an active participant is considered in default on the last business day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the loan repayment was due. In accordance with Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations, a participant who repays a loan after a deemed distribution will receive tax basis credits for repayment of a loan pursuant to IRS rules.

### Benefits Paid

Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant or his/her beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum distribution or periodic payments of the participant's entire account balance; for any participant balances invested in Groep shares, election may be made to receive that portion of benefits in cash or Groep shares. Additionally, upon resignation or termination, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum distribution of his/her vested account balance. Withdrawals are also permitted for active participants who have attained age 59½ of their vested account balance. As defined in the Plan documents, certain participants are also eligible for hardship withdrawals, consistent with the provisions of the IRC. Participants should refer to the Plan documents for a complete discussion of benefit payment provisions.

### Administrative Expenses

The Plan Sponsor is responsible for paying all Plan expenses.

### Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has retained the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their Plan accounts.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

As required by Accounting Standards Codification “FASB Accounting Standards Codification” (the “Codification” or “ASC”) Topic 946, “Financial Services - Investment Companies” and ASC Topic 962, “Plan Accounting - Defined Contribution Pension Plans,” investments in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits include fully benefit responsive investment contracts recognized at fair value. ASC Topic 962 requires fully benefit responsive investment contracts to be reported at fair value in the Plan’s Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits with a corresponding adjustment to reflect these investments at contract value.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2012 or 2011. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan provides for investments in Groep shares, guaranteed investment contracts (“GICs”), common collective trusts, SDBA and mutual funds. Mutual funds are stated at fair value, which is the quoted market price in an active market of the shares owned on the last day of the Plan year. Investments in Groep shares are based on the daily Net Asset Value (“NAV”) per unit of the ING Stock Funds which is determined using quoted market prices of the underlying investments. Units of the common collective trusts are valued at the NAV redemption value as determined by the trustee.

As discussed above, the Plan accounts for fully benefit responsive investment contracts in accordance with ASC Topics 946 and 962. Generally, contract value is equal to participant deposits minus participant withdrawals plus credited interest. Interest credited is net of expenses. Contract value may be subject to adjustments in connection with contractholder directed withdrawals that are subject to a market value adjustment. Under limited circumstances (imposition of an equity wash provision) contract value may be adjusted as a result of a market value adjustment or, in the case of the Stable Value Option, to reflect the current ratio of market value to contract value. The fair value of the Stable Value Option which consists of an underlying GIC is calculated by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations.

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Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis of accounting. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade date.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") ASU 2011-11, "Balance Sheet (ASC Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" ("ASU 2011-11"), which requires an entity to disclose both gross and net information about instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statement of financial position, as well as instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. In addition, the standard requires disclosure of collateral received and posted in connection with master netting agreements or similar arrangements.

The provisions of ASU 2011-11 are effective, retrospectively, for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and interim periods within those annual reporting periods. Adoption of ASU 2011-11 will not have an effect on the Plan's financial statements and the Plan does not have positions subject to netting.

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Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, "Fair Value Measurement (ASC Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS" ("ASU 2011-04"), which includes the following amendments:

- The concepts of highest and best use and valuation premise are relevant only when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets;
- The requirements for measuring the fair value of equity instruments are consistent with those for measuring liabilities;
- An entity is permitted to measure the fair value of financial instruments managed within a portfolio at the price that would be received to sell or transfer a net position for a particular risk; and
- The application of premiums and discounts in a fair value measurement is related to the unit of account for the asset or liability.

ASU 2011-04 also requires additional disclosures, including use of a nonfinancial asset in a way that differs from its highest and best use, categorization by level for items in which fair value is required to be disclosed and further information regarding Level 3 fair value measurements.

The provisions of ASU 2011-04 were adopted, prospectively, by the Plan on January 1, 2012. The adoption had no effect on the Plan's financial statements, as the pronouncement only pertains to additional disclosure.

### 3. Income Tax Status

The Plan received a determination letter from the IRS dated May 19, 2009, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. Certain nonexempt transactions were identified relative to the Plan that warranted correction. The Plan Sponsor has corrected the majority of the nonexempt transactions as of December 31, 2012, approximately \$30,708 will be corrected during 2013. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2012, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; On January 21, 2011, the Plan was notified by the IRS of an examination for Plan years ending December 31, 2008 and 2009. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2009. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the IRS may nonetheless audit the Plan to ensure it has been operated in accordance with the Plan document and applicable laws.

## 4. Investments

The value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's total net assets is as follows as of December 31:

|  | 2012        | 2011           |
|--|-------------|----------------|
| Equity Index Trust   | \$ *        | \$ 108,603,208 |
| Equity Index Non-Lendable Fund M                           | 119,652,783 | *              |
| Mainstay Large Cap Growth Fund - Class I                   | 110,401,580 | 104,871,310    |
| PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional Class              | 71,156,869  | 57,915,365     |
| SSgA Russell Small/Mid Cap Index NL Index Series - Class C | 78,126,362  | 68,972,427     |
| Stable Value Option (at contract value)**                  | 403,780,685 | 391,129,860    |
| Vanguard International Growth Fund                         | 60,967,068  | *              |

\* Investment was not greater than 5%.

\*\* The fair value of the Plan's investment in the Stable Value Option was \$429,041,104 and \$413,834,097 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of each significant class of investments, which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments, is as follows for the years ended December 31:

|   | 2012         | 2011           |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| Mutual funds                                  | \$37,587,846 | \$(20,524,903) |
| Common/collective trusts                      | 40,047,966   | (2,452,630)    |
| ING stock funds                               | 17,574,344   | (17,284,458)   |
| Self-directed brokerage account:              |              |                |
| U.S. equities                                 | 66,040       | -              |
| Mutual funds                                  | 25,794       | -              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                     | 410          | -              |
| Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value | \$95,302,400 | \$(40,261,991) |

## 5. Investments in Insurance Contracts

As of December 31, 2012, the Plan maintained one GIC related investment option, the Stable Value Option. The underlying investment of the Stable Value Option consists of the Separate Account GIC contract ST-14698 (the "Contract") issued by ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company (a party-in-interest). The contract owned by the Plan is considered fully benefit-responsive in accordance with ASC Topic 962. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the contract value of the investments in insurance contracts is \$403,780,685 and \$391,129,860, respectively.

The earnings of the GIC investment are based on an interest rate applied to each participant's outstanding balance. The interest rates are analyzed and may be reset by the GIC issuer semi-annually for the Contract.

Premature termination in whole or in part of the Contract is at the discretion of the Plan Sponsor and generally involves a payment adjusted to its fair value. The Contract permits a book value corridor through which a threshold percentage of the contract balance is available at book value in the event of certain employer actions such as spinoffs, divestitures, corporate relocations, layoffs, retirement incentive programs, the creation of a competing investment option, or partial or total plan terminations. Clone contracts are generally available subject to underwriting considerations to be issued to a takeover entity. In addition, the contracts generally provide for book value to be preserved if the withdrawal of funds from the contract is made over a protracted period described in the contract ("book value settlement").

The average yields based on actual earnings for the Contract for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, were 3.80% and 5.60%, respectively. The average yield is based on interest credited to participants for the Contract for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, and was 3.25% and 3.69%, respectively. The crediting interest rates to participants for the Contract as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 were 3.25% and 3.69%, respectively. The Contract has no minimum crediting interest rate, no restrictions on the use of Plan assets and there are no valuation reserves recorded to adjust contract amounts. Fund performance, net cash flows of the Plan investments, and duration of assets are factors that could influence the average interest credited rate.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (i) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan) (ii) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions; or (iii) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The GIC issuer may discontinue the contract with the Plan under the following circumstances:

- § The Plan fails to meet any of its obligations under this contract or under any related agreement;
  - § All amounts under this contract are withdrawn;
  - § The Plan is no longer a qualified plan under the Code;
    - § The Plan is terminated;
    - § The Plan no longer has any obligations under the Plan;
  - § Any action is taken by the Plan Sponsor, or any other official, which:
    - a) Creates a Competing Investment Option;
- b) Significantly liberalizes, as determined by the issuer, the Plan withdrawal or transfer rights of Members;
  - c) Materially affects the issuers' rights and obligations under this contract;
    - § The Plan, without the issuers' written agreement, attempts to assign the Plan's interest in this contract;
    - § The Plan rejects an amendment to this contract proposed by the issuer under the Amendments section;
      - § The issuer elects to discontinue accepting deposits for all contracts of this class;
- § Employees of an Employer are no longer eligible to participate in the Plan (any such discontinuance affects only those ineligible employees);
- § A change in applicable laws and regulations (including tax laws and regulations) which materially affects the taxation of this contract or Separate Account, or otherwise materially affects the issuer's obligations hereunder.

In addition, the contract automatically discontinues if, at any time, the issuer calculates the weighted immediate credited rate to be 3% or less. The issuer gives the Plan at least 30 days notice of such a discontinuance. In the case of a total discontinuance, the Plan will direct the Issuer to pay the Separate Account balance or the balance of the Interest Accumulated Fund under the contract.



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6. Financial Instruments

Fair Value Measurements

ASC Topic 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the quality of inputs used to measure fair value, and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements.

Fair Value Hierarchy

The Plan has categorized its financial instruments into a three level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to inputs that are unobservable in the market place (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the category level is based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Financial assets recorded at fair value on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits are categorized as follows:

- § Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market.
- § Level 2 - Quoted prices in markets that are not active or values based on inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:
  - a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets;
  - c) Inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable; and
- d) Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means.
- § Level 3 - Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These valuations, whether derived internally or obtained from a third party, use critical assumptions that are not widely available to estimate market participant expectations in valuing the asset or liability.

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When available, the estimated fair value of financial instruments is based on quoted prices in active markets that are readily and regularly obtainable. When quoted prices in active markets are not available, the determination of estimated fair value is based on market standard valuation methodologies, including discounted cash flow methodologies, matrix pricing, or other similar techniques.

The following tables present the Plan's hierarchy for its assets measured at fair value.

|                                  | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2012 |               |         |                 |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------|---------|-----------------|
|                                  | Level 1                                      | Level 2       | Level 3 | Total           |
| Assets:                          |  |               |         |                 |
| Mutual funds:                    |  |               |         |                 |
| U.S. equities                    | \$ 174,424,892                               | \$-           | \$-     | \$ 174,424,892  |
| International equities           | 95,791,458                                   | -             | -       | 95,791,458      |
| Short-term investment fund(2)    | 83,571,546                                   | -             | -       | 83,571,546      |
| Common/collective trusts(3):     |  |               |         |                 |
| U.S. equities                    | -  | 221,071,816   | -       | 221,071,816     |
| International equities           | -  | 4,634,591     | -       | 4,634,591       |
| Lifecycle funds(1)               | -  | 99,401,026    | -       | 99,401,026      |
| Short-term investment fund       | -  | 3,308,215     | -       | 3,308,215       |
| ING stock funds(4)               | -  | 66,759,593    | -       | 66,759,593      |
| Guaranteed investment contracts  | -  | 429,041,104   | -       | 429,041,104     |
| Self-directed brokerage account: |  |               |         |                 |
| U.S. equities                    | 3,963,210                                    | -             | -       | 3,963,210       |
| Mutual funds                     | 978,232                                      | -             | -       | 978,232         |
| Cash and cash equivalents        | 1,410,911                                    | -             | -       | 1,410,911       |
| Total                            | \$360,140,249                                | \$824,216,345 | \$-     | \$1,184,356,594 |

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|  | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2011 |         |         |       |
|--|--|---------|---------|-------|
|  | Level 1                                      | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |

## Assets:

## Mutual funds:

|                                 |               |               |     |                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----------------|
| U.S. equities                   | \$159,166,206 | \$-           | \$- | \$159,166,206   |
| International equities          | 83,984,644    | -             | -   | 83,984,644      |
| Lifecycle funds(1)              | 82,784,413    | -             | -   | 82,784,413      |
| Short-term investment fund(2)   | 67,369,337    | -             | -   | 67,369,337      |
| Common/collective trusts(3):    |               |               |     |                 |
| U.S. equities                   | -             | 198,906,933   | -   | 198,906,933     |
| International equities          | -             | 824,884       | -   | 824,884         |
| Short-term investment fund      | -             | 2,879,247     | -   | 2,879,247       |
| ING stock funds(4)              | -             | 56,983,389    | -   | 56,983,389      |
| Guaranteed investment contracts | -             | 413,834,097   | -   | 413,834,097     |
| Total                           | \$393,304,600 | \$673,428,550 | \$- | \$1,066,733,150 |

This category includes investment in funds that seek long term capital appreciation and growth. The life cycle (1) funds that

are within this category are invested in highly diversified funds designed to remain appropriate for investors in terms of

risk throughout a variety of life circumstances. There are currently no redemption restrictions on these investments. The

fair values of the investments in this class have been quoted using the net asset value per share.

This category is designed to protect capital with low risk investments in bonds and various short-term debt (2) instruments.

There are currently no restrictions on these investments. The fair value of the investments in this class have been quoted

using the net asset value per share.

(3) This category includes common/collective trust funds that are designed to provide growth in capital by replicating benchmark indices and includes primarily equity investments. There are currently no redemption restrictions on these

investments. The fair value of the investments in this class have been quoted using the net asset value per share.

This category includes a single investment in ING Groep Shares. There are currently no redemption restrictions on

(4) this

investment. The fair value of the investment in this class has been quoted using the net asset value per share.

## Valuation of Financial Assets and Liabilities at Fair Value

Certain assets are measured at estimated fair value on the Plan's Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits. The Plan defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or most advantageous market for the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The transaction (or entry) price will be the same at initial recognition in many circumstances. However, in certain cases, the transaction price may not represent fair value. Fair value is required to be a market-based measurement which is determined based on a hypothetical transaction at the measurement date, from a market participant's perspective. The Plan considers three broad valuation techniques when a quoted price is unavailable: (i) the market approach, (ii) the income approach and (iii) the cost approach. The Plan determines the most appropriate valuation technique to use, given the instrument being measured and the availability of sufficient inputs. The Plan prioritizes the inputs to fair valuation techniques and allows for the use of unobservable inputs to the extent that observable inputs are not available.



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The Plan utilizes a number of valuation methodologies to determine the fair values of its financial assets in conformity with the concepts of “exit price” and the fair value hierarchy as prescribed in ASC Topic 820. Valuations are obtained from third-party commercial pricing services, brokers and industry-standard, vendor-provided software that models the value based on market observable inputs. The valuations obtained from third-party commercial pricing services are non-binding. The Plan reviews the assumptions and inputs used by third-party commercial pricing services for each reporting period in order to determine an appropriate fair value hierarchy level. The documentation and analysis obtained from third-party commercial pricing services are reviewed by the Plan, including in-depth validation procedures confirming the observability of inputs.

The following valuation methods and assumptions were used by the Plan in estimating the reported values for the investments described below:

**Mutual Funds:** Mutual funds are reported at NAV as calculated by the mutual fund based upon the value of the securities held by the mutual funds and are included in Level 1. This financial instrument includes U.S equities, International equities, Lifecycle Fund and Short-term investment funds.

**Common/Collective Trust:** Common/collective trusts are reported at NAV or alternative fair value methods by the Trustee when NAV is not available. These shares are included in Level 2.

**ING Stock Funds:** ING Groep shares are reported based upon a quoted market price and observable market inputs. These shares are included in Level 2.

**Guaranteed Investment Contracts:** The GIC is reported based upon observable inputs, including the Plan’s assumptions as to what market participants would use in pricing such instruments. The GIC is included in Level 2.

**Self Directed Brokerage Account:** The securities held within the SDBA are standard assets such as mutual funds, equities and cash and cash equivalent assets. These holdings are reported at quoted market price. These assets are included in Level 1.

Transfers in and out of Level 1 and 2

There were no securities transferred between Level 1 and Level 2 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The Plan’s policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out as of the beginning of the reporting period. In November 2012, the Plan sold the actively managed lifecycle funds (Level 1) held at December 31, 2011 and re-directed the proceeds to indexed lifecycle funds (Level 2).

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7. Parties-in-Interest to the Plan

The Plan holds investments in several mutual funds, Groep shares and GICs that are managed by affiliated companies of the Plan Sponsor. These affiliated companies are considered parties-in-interest (as defined in ERISA) to the Plan. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, funds of \$624,659,760 and \$608,972,054 were held in such investments and are considered party-in-interest transactions.

8. Subsequent Events

ING had two putative class actions that asserted ERISA claims regarding operation of the Plan. These two class actions were amended and consolidated into a single class action, ING Groep, N.V. ERISA Litigation. In the consolidated complaint, plaintiffs alleged that defendants breached their fiduciary duties by, among other things, allowing ING Groep stock as an investment option and/or allowing the Plan to invest too heavily in ING Groep stock, failing to properly administer the Plan, failing to act in the best interests of Plan participants, and making misrepresentations.

The ING Groep, N.V. ERISA Litigation was settled on a class wide basis. On May 21, 2013, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia entered an Order and Final Judgment approving the settlement. Pursuant to that order, the settlement administrator tendered \$2,349,708 to the Plan for allocation amongst class members.

Supplemental Schedules

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 EIN: 52-1317217 and Plan No. 001  
 Schedule G, Part III Nonexempt Transactions  
 Year ended December 31, 2012

| (a)                                    | (b)  | (c)  | (d)            | (e)           | (f)          | (g)  | (h)           | (i)                    | (j)                                    |
|--|--|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|--|---------------|------------------------|--|
| Identity of party involved             | Relationship to plan, employer, or other party-in-interest | Description of transactions including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value | Purchase price | Selling price | Lease rental | Expenses incurred in connection with transaction | Cost of asset | Current value of asset | Net gain or (loss) on each transaction |
| ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company | Recordkeeper   | Receipt of float revenue   | -              | -             | -            | -  | -             | -                      | \$ 30,585                              |
| ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company | Recordkeeper   | Receipt of sub-transfer agency fees  | -              | -             | -            | -  | -             | -                      | \$ 123                                 |



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Schedule H, Line 4(i)

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

At December 31, 2012

| (a) | (b)<br>Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or<br>Similar Party | (c)<br>Description of<br>Investment | (e)<br>Current<br>Value |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|     |   | Mutual Fund                         |                         |
|     | Causeway International Value Fund                               | Shares                              | \$34,824,390            |
|     |   | Common/Collective                   |                         |
|     | Equity Index None Lendable Fund M                               | Trust                               | 119,652,783             |
| *   | ING Leveraged Stock Fund - Class I                              | Stock Fund<br>Shares                | 24,851,817              |
| *   | ING Market Stock Fund   | Stock Fund<br>Shares                | 41,907,776              |
| *   | ING Real Estate Fund - Class I                                  | Mutual Fund<br>Shares               | 35,198,604              |
| *   | ING Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio - Initial Class           | Mutual Fund<br>Shares               | 19,519,852              |
| *   | ING Target Index Solution Trust 2015                            | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 11,255,052              |
| *   | ING Target Index Solution Trust 2025                            | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 26,504,128              |
| *   | ING Target Index Solution Trust 2035                            | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 29,899,706              |
| *   | ING Target Index Solution Trust 2045                            | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 26,008,682              |
| *   | ING Target Index Solution Trust 2055                            | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 2,499,156               |
| *   | ING Target Index Solution Trust Income Fund                     | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 3,234,302               |
|     | Mainstay Large Cap Growth Fund - Class I                        | Mutual Fund<br>Shares               | 110,401,580             |
|     | Northern Trust Collective EAFE Index Fund - DC - Non-           |                                     |                         |
|     | Lending - Tier One  | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 2,042,231               |
|     | Nuveen NWQ Small/Mid-Cap Value Fund - Class I                   | Mutual Fund<br>Shares               | 9,304,856               |
| *   | Notes Receivable from participants                              | **                                  | 19,787,535              |
|     | PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional Class                   | Mutual Fund<br>Shares               | 71,156,869              |
|     | Robeco Boston Partners Large Cap Value Equity Fund              | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 29,193,246              |
|     | SSgA Russell Small/Mid Cap Index NL Index Series - Class C      | Common/Collective<br>Trust          | 78,126,362              |
| *   | Stable Value Option Fund  |                                     | 403,780,685 ***         |

|                                       |                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                       | Guaranteed<br>Investment<br>Contract  |                 |
|                                       | Self Directed<br>Brokerage<br>Account | 6,352,353       |
| TD Ameritrade SDBA                    |                                       |                 |
|                                       | Mutual Fund<br>Shares                 | 60,967,068      |
| Vanguard International Growth Fund    |                                       |                 |
|                                       | Mutual Fund<br>Shares                 | 12,414,677      |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund |                                       |                 |
|                                       |                                       | \$1,178,883,710 |

Note: Column (d) cost information is omitted for all participant directed investments.

\* Indicates a party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\* Each loan will bear an interest rate as prescribed by the Plan's applicable provisions when the loan is issued, currently the prime interest rate plus 1%. Current interest rates on participant loans range from 4.25% to 8.75% as of December 31, 2012. Loan repayment periods are for a maximum of five years. Current maturity dates on Participant Loans range from October 2012 to December 2017 as of December 31, 2012. The repayment periods above the maximum of five years are due to grandfathered plans acquired during company acquisitions.

\*\*\* Stated at contract value.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ING Americas Savings Plan and ESOP

By: ING US PENSION COMMITTEE

June 27, 2013  
Dated

By: /s/ Steven T. Pierson  
Name: Steven T. Pierson  
Title: Chairman, ING U.S. Pension Committee

