

NVIT AQR Large Cap Defensive Style Fund



Summary Prospectus April 30, 2021

Class I / Class II / Class IV / Class Y

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains information about the Fund and its risks. This Summary Prospectus is intended for use in connection with variable insurance contracts, and is not intended for use by other investors. The Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, each dated April 30, 2021 (as may be supplemented or revised), are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus. For free paper or electronic copies of the Fund's Prospectus and other information about the Fund, go to nationwide.com/mutualfundsnvit, email a request to web_help@nationwide.com or call 800-848-0920, or ask any variable insurance contract provider who offers shares of the Fund as an underlying investment option in its products.

Objective

The NVIT AQR Large Cap Defensive Style Fund seeks total return through a flexible combination of capital appreciation and current income.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. Sales charges and other expenses that may be imposed by variable insurance contracts are not included. If these charges were reflected, the expenses listed below would be higher. See the variable insurance contract prospectus, which may impose sales charges and other additional contract-level expenses.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	Class I Shares	Class II Shares	Class IV Shares	Class Y Shares
Management Fees	0.58%	0.58%	0.58%	0.58%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None	0.25%	None	None
Other Expenses	0.22%	0.22%	0.22%	0.07%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.80%	1.05%	0.80%	0.65%

Example

This Example is intended to help you to compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example, however, does not include charges that are imposed by variable insurance contracts. If these charges were reflected, the expenses listed below would be higher.

This Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those time periods. It assumes a 5% return each year and no change in expenses, and any expense limitation or fee waivers that may apply for the periods indicated above under "Fees and Expenses." Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class I Shares	\$82	\$255	\$444	\$990
Class II Shares	107	334	579	1,283
Class IV Shares	82	255	444	990
Class Y Shares	66	208	362	810

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 27.72% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of equity securities to produce an overall blended equity portfolio consisting of various types of stocks that the subadviser believes offer the potential for capital growth and/or dividend income. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in stocks of large-capitalization companies or derivatives the value of which are linked to stocks of large-capitalization companies. The Fund considers large-capitalization companies to be those companies with market capitalizations similar to those of companies included in the Russell 1000® Index. Some of these companies may be located outside of the United States. The Fund makes market capitalization determinations with respect to a security at the time it purchases such security. The Fund may invest in real estate securities, including real estate investment trusts (“REITs”).

The Fund’s subadviser pursues a defensive investment style, meaning it seeks to participate in rising equity markets while mitigating downside risk in declining markets. In other words, the subadviser expects the Fund to lag the performance of traditional U.S. equity funds when equity markets are rising, but to exceed their performance during equity market declines. To achieve this result, the Fund will be broadly diversified across companies and industries and will invest in companies that the subadviser has identified to have low measures of risk and high quality (i.e., stable companies in good business health). The subadviser believes that the stocks of these types of companies may tend to be lower “beta” stocks and that lower “beta” stocks generally are less volatile than higher “beta” stocks (i.e., their value has a lower sensitivity to fluctuations in the securities markets). The subadviser believes that low “beta” and high quality stocks generally produce higher risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle than high “beta” or poor quality stocks.

The Fund’s subadviser uses an actively managed bottom-up approach to choosing securities across a large-capitalization equity market universe. The Fund’s subadviser uses quantitative techniques, which combine active management to identify quality companies and statistical measures of risk to assure diversification by issuer and industry, as well as additional criteria that form part of the subadviser’s security selection process. The subadviser will use volatility and correlation forecasting and portfolio construction methodologies to manage the Fund. Shifts in allocations among issuers and industries will be determined using the quantitative models based on the subadviser’s determinations of risk and quality, as well as other factors including, but not limited to, managing industry and sector exposures.

In response to purchases and redemptions of the Fund’s shares, the Fund’s subadviser may use equity index futures, which are derivatives, to obtain efficient investment exposure as a substitute for taking a position in equity securities.

Principal Risks

The Fund cannot guarantee that it will achieve its investment objective.

As with any fund, the value of the Fund’s investments—and therefore, the value of Fund shares—may fluctuate. These changes may occur because of:

Equity securities risk— stock markets are volatile. The price of an equity security fluctuates based on changes in a company’s financial condition and overall market and economic conditions.

REIT and real estate securities risk – involves the risks that are associated with investing in real estate, including (1) possible declines in the value of real estate; (2) adverse general and local economic conditions; (3) possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; (4) changes in interest rates; (5) unexpected vacancies of properties; (6) environmental problems; and (7) the relative lack of liquidity associated with investments in real estate. In addition, REITs are subject to other risks related specifically to their structure and focus: (a) dependency on management skills; (b) limited diversification; (c) the risks of locating and managing financing for projects; (d) heavy cash flow dependency; (e) possible default by borrowers; (f) the costs and potential losses of self-liquidation of one or more holdings; (g) the possibility of failing to maintain exemptions from securities registration; (h) the possibility of failing to qualify for special tax treatment; (i) duplicative fees; and (j) in many cases, relatively small market capitalization, which may result in less market liquidity and greater price volatility. REITs whose underlying properties are concentrated in a particular industry or geographic region also are subject to risks affecting such industries and regions.

REITs – REITs whose underlying properties are concentrated in a particular industry or geographic region are subject to risks affecting such industries and regions. The securities of REITs involve greater risks than those associated with larger, more established companies and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements because of interest rate changes, economic conditions and other factors. Securities of such issuers may lack sufficient market liquidity to enable the Fund to effect sales at an advantageous time or without a substantial drop in price. REITs that invest in real estate mortgages are also subject to risk of default or prepayment risk.

Market risk – the risk that one or more markets in which the Fund invests will go down in value, including the possibility that the markets will go down sharply and unpredictably. This may be due to numerous factors, including interest rates, the outlook for corporate profits, the health of the national and world economies, national and world social and political events, and the fluctuation of other stock markets around the world.

The global pandemic outbreak of an infectious respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 has resulted in substantial market volatility and global business disruption, affecting the global economy and the financial health of individual companies in significant and unforeseen ways. The duration and future impact of COVID-19 are currently unknown, which may exacerbate the other risks that apply to the Fund and could negatively affect Fund performance and the value of your investment in the Fund.

Selection risk – selection risk is the risk that the securities selected by the Fund's subadviser will underperform the markets, the relevant indexes or the securities selected by other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies.

Derivatives risk – derivatives may be volatile and may involve significant risks. The underlying security, measure or other instrument on which a derivative is based, or the derivative itself, may not perform as expected. Normally derivatives involve leverage, which means that their use can magnify significantly the effect of price movements of the underlying securities or reference measures, disproportionately increasing the Fund's losses and reducing the Fund's opportunities for gains. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, including a loss that may be greater than the amount invested. They also present default risks if the counterparty to a derivatives contract fails to fulfill its obligations to the Fund. Certain derivatives held by the Fund may be illiquid, including non-exchange-traded or over-the-counter derivatives that are linked to illiquid instruments or illiquid markets, making it difficult to close out an unfavorable position. Derivatives also may be more difficult to purchase, sell or value than other instruments.

Futures – the prices of futures contracts typically are more volatile than those of stocks and bonds. Small movements in the values of the assets or measures of underlying futures contracts can cause disproportionately larger losses to the Fund. While futures may be more liquid than other types of derivatives, they may experience periods when they are less liquid than stocks, bonds or other investments.

Foreign securities risk – foreign securities may be more volatile, harder to price and less liquid than U.S. securities. The prices of foreign securities may be further affected by other factors, such as changes in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which the securities are traded.

Model and data risk – given the complexity of the investments and strategies of the Fund, the Fund's subadviser relies heavily on quantitative models and information and data supplied or made available by third parties ("Models and Data"). Models and Data are used to construct sets of transactions and investments, to provide risk management insights, and to assist in hedging the Fund's investments.

When Models and Data prove to be incorrect or incomplete, any decisions made in reliance thereon expose the Fund to potential risks. Similarly, any hedging based on faulty Models and Data may prove to be unsuccessful. Some of the models used by the subadviser for the Fund are predictive in nature. The use of predictive models has inherent risks. Because predictive models are usually constructed based on historical data supplied by third parties, the success of relying on such models may depend heavily on the accuracy and reliability of the supplied historical data. The Fund bears the risk that the quantitative models used by the subadviser will not be successful in selecting companies for investment or in determining the weighting of investment positions that will enable the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

All models rely on correct data inputs. If incorrect data is entered into even a well-founded model, the resulting information will be incorrect. However, even if data is inputted correctly, "model prices" will often differ substantially from market prices, especially for instruments with complex characteristics, such as derivative instruments.

The Fund is unlikely to be successful unless the assumptions underlying the models are realistic and either remain realistic and relevant in the future or are adjusted to account for changes in the overall market environment. If such assumptions are inaccurate or become inaccurate and are not promptly adjusted, it is likely that profitable trading signals will not be generated, and major losses may result.

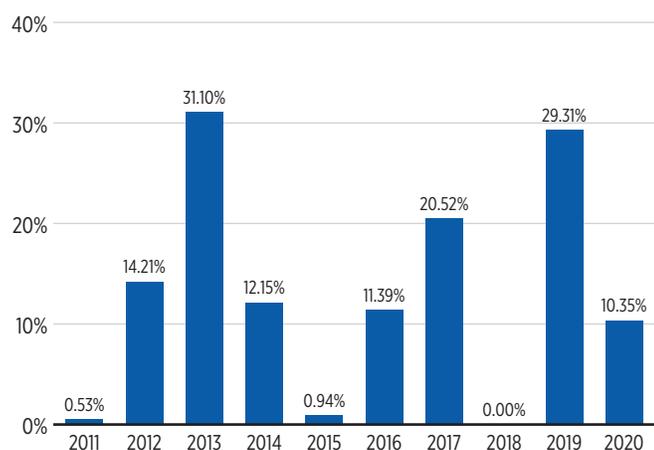
The subadviser, in its sole discretion, will continue to test, evaluate and add new models, which may result in the modification of existing models from time to time. There can be no assurance that model modifications will enable the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Loss of money is a risk of investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Performance

The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows the volatility or variability of the Fund's annual total returns over time and shows that Fund performance can change from year to year. The table shows the Fund's average annual total returns for certain time periods compared to the returns of a comparable broad-based securities index. Remember, however, that past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. The returns shown in the bar chart and table do not include charges that will be imposed by variable insurance contracts. If these amounts were reflected, returns would be less than those shown.

Annual Total Returns – Class I Shares (Years Ended December 31,)



Highest Quarter: 16.71% – 2Q 2020

Lowest Quarter: -18.90% – 1Q 2020

The Fund has not commenced offering Class Y shares as of the date of this Prospectus. Therefore, historical performance for Class Y shares is based on the performance of Class I shares. Performance for Class Y shares has not been adjusted to reflect that share class's lower expenses than those of Class I shares.

Average Annual Total Returns (For the Periods Ended December 31, 2020)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class I Shares	10.35%	13.88%	12.56%
Class II Shares	10.05%	13.61%	12.28%
Class IV Shares	10.32%	13.89%	12.56%
Class Y Shares	10.35%	13.88%	12.56%
S&P 500® Index (reflects no deduction for fees or expenses)	18.40%	15.22%	13.88%

Portfolio Management

Investment Adviser

Nationwide Fund Advisors

Subadviser

AQR Capital Management, LLC

Portfolio Managers

Portfolio Manager	Title	Length of Service with Fund
Michele L. Aghassi, Ph.D.	Principal and Portfolio Manager	Since 2017
Andrea Frazzini, Ph.D., M.S.	Principal and Portfolio Manager	Since 2017
Ronen Israel, M.A.	Principal and Portfolio Manager	Since 2020
Lars N. Nielsen, M.Sc.	Principal and Portfolio Manager	Since 2020

Tax Information

The dividends and distributions paid by the Fund to the insurance company separate accounts will consist of ordinary income, capital gains, or some combination of both. Because shares of the Fund must be purchased through separate accounts used to fund variable insurance contracts, such dividends and distributions will be exempt from current taxation by contract holders if left to accumulate within a separate account. Consult the variable insurance contract prospectus for additional tax information.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

This Fund is only offered as an underlying investment option for variable insurance contracts. The Fund and its related companies may make payments to the sponsoring insurance companies (or their affiliates) for distribution and/or other services, and to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries that distribute the variable insurance contracts. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance companies to include the Fund as an underlying investment option in the variable insurance contracts, and by influencing the broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries to distribute variable insurance contracts that include the Fund as an underlying investment option over other variable insurance contracts or to otherwise recommend the selection of the Fund as an underlying investment option by contract owners instead of other funds that also may be available investment options. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your variable insurance contract may contain additional information about these payments.

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