

# **AQR Large Cap Defensive Style Fund**

12/31/2023

Performance as of 12/31/2023								
				Annualized Total Return				
	Inception Date	OTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Class I Shares: AUEIX	7/9/2012	7.56%	9.41%	9.41%	5.24%	11.14%	11.08%	12.36%
Class N Shares: AUENX	7/9/2012	7.46%	9.06%	9.06%	4.93%	10.83%	10.78%	12.07%
Class R6 Shares: QUERX	9/2/2014	7.53%	9.47%	9.47%	5.30%	11.23%	N/A	11.11%
Russell 1000 Total Return Index	7/9/2012	11.96%	26.53%	26.53%	8.97%	15.52%	11.80%	13.65%

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Call 1-866-290-2688 or visit www.aqrfunds.com for current month-end performance. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.

Top Ten Holdings (%)*	
Security	% of Net Assets
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS	1.7%
INCORPORATED	1.7%
CISCO SYSTEMS, INC	1.5%
WALMART INC	1.5%
WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC	1.5%
MCDONALD'S CORPORATION	1.5%
T-MOBILE US, INC	1.5%
MERCK & CO., INC.	1.5%
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION	1.5%
VISA INC	1.5%
ROPER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	1.5%
Total Fund	15.3%

Sector Exposure (%)*			
	Large Cap F Def Style Fund	RUSSELL 1000 Index	Fund - Index
Communication Services	5.0%	8.3%	-3.3%
Consumer Discretionary	6.5%	10.9%	-4.4%
Consumer Staples	19.3%	5.8%	13.4%
Energy	3.4%	3.8%	-0.5%
Financials	13.0%	13.5%	-0.5%
Health Care	19.0%	12.5%	6.5%
Industrials	16.2%	9.6%	6.6%
Information Technology	13.1%	27.9%	-14.8%
Materials	0.9%	2.6%	-1.7%
Real Estate	0.0%	2.8%	-2.8%
Utilities	3.7%	2.2%	1.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell securities. Any ETFs held by the Fund are accounted for in the sector exposures by the index's underlying holdings.

#### Portfolio Statistics\*\* Large Cap RUSSELL Def Style Fund 1000 Index # of stocks 178 1,009 EPS Growth (5 Year) 14 16 13.95 4.01 4.40 P/E (trailing 12 months) 22 65 24 78 0.15 0.77

<sup>\*\*</sup>All Portfolio Statistics are subject to change. Please see following page for definitions.

Fund Facts							
	Ticker	CUSIP	Inception Date	Investment Minimum*	12b-1Fee	Gross Expense Ratio	Net Expense Ratio**
Class I Shares	AUEIX	00203H719	7/9/12	\$5 Million	None	0.38%	0.38%
Class N Shares	AUENX	00203H750	7/9/12	\$2500	0.25%	0.66%	0.66%
Class R6 Shares	QUERX	00191K831	9/2/14	\$50 Million	None	0.31%	0.31%

<sup>\*</sup>Investment minimums are waived or reduced for certain investors. Some financial intermediaries may not offer Class R6 Shares or may impose different or additional eligibility and minimum investment requirements. See the Prospectus for additional details.

## Adjusted Expense Ratio\*\*

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Reflects the Net Expense Ratio adjusted for certain investment related expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred indirectly by the Fund through investments in underlying mutual funds, none of which are paid to the Adviser.

## About the Fund

#### Investment Objective:

Seeks total return.

#### Reasons to Invest:

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the U.S. stock market with lower volatility than its stock market benchmark.

The Fund's strategy seeks to provide downside protection with upside potential through active stock selection, risk management and diversification.

## Potential Advantages:

#### **Experienced Management Team**

AQR's core investment and research team has been together since the early 1990s.

## $Trading\,Infrastructure$

Customized liquidity-providing algorithms seeking to minimize transaction costs.

## Cutting Edge Research

AQR is a thought leader on low-risk, high-quality investing with an ongoing commitment to research and development.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse operating expenses of the Fund at least through January 28, 2024. The Expense Limitation Agreement may be terminated with the consent of the Board of Trustees.



## Investment Approach

- The Fund pursues a "defensive" strategy that provides exposure to the U.S. stock market with lower volatility and draw-downs relative to its stock market benchmark through active stock selection, risk management and diversification.
- The investment universe for the Fund is comprised of U.S. large-cap equities.
- The Fund seeks to invest in lower beta stocks of companies with stable businesses, high profitability, low operating and financial leverage, lower earnings-per-share variability and other measures of quality.
- These stocks generally are less volatile than the market average, and are expected to produce higher risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle than market indexes.
- The Fund utilizes a proprietary optimization process and a number of sophisticated trading techniques to manage transaction costs.

#### **Definitions**

**Russell 1000 Index**: Measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000 Index. One cannot invest directly in an index.

**Beta**: A measure of systematic risk of a stock or a portfolio.

**Debt/Equity**: A leverage measure of a company's net debt to book value of equity ratio.

**P/B (Price to Book Ratio)**: A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its book value.

**P/E (Price to Earnings Ratio)**: A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings.

**EPS Growth (5 Year)**: The growth of the earning per share over the last five years.

**Volatility**: Annualized standard deviation of the past 12 month daily returns of a given security or index.

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## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

Funds that emphasize investments in small and mid-cap companies generally will experience greater price volatility. The Adviser from time to time employs various hedging techniques, it is not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against any risk, and hedging entails its own costs.

This Fund is not suitable for all investors. An investor considering the Funds should be able to tolerate potentially wide price fluctuations. The Fund may attempt to increase its income or total return through the use of securities lending, and they may be subject to the possibility of additional loss as a result of this investment technique.

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