A Lower Risk Equity Solution

The AQR Defensive Style Funds pursue a defensive strategy that seeks total return with lower risk through active stock selection, risk management and diversification.

Seeks Market-Like Returns with Lower Risk
The Funds aim to invest in low-risk stocks that may offer similar returns to the market but with a smoother, less volatile, ride over time.

Seeks to Outperform During Down Markets
In market downturns, Defensive Equity has the potential to fare better than the broader equity market.

Exposure to High Quality Companies
The Funds utilize a systematic approach to invest in stocks that exhibit characteristics of Quality, such as smaller price fluctuations, higher profit margins, and low operating and financial leverage.

Defensive Equity seeks to offer potential upside returns while managing against downside risk.

Source: AQR. The above chart is intended for illustrative purposes and does not represent any particular index or fund strategy. There is no assurance that the investment process will consistently lead to successful investing. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment losses.

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Defensive Equity Investing at AQR

• AQR offers its Defensive Equity strategy through two mutual funds – the AQR Large Cap Defensive Style Fund and the AQR International Defensive Style Fund.
• The Fund Managers employ a systematic, disciplined investment process that incorporates both fundamental and statistical measures of risk.
• Investors seeking to gain exposure to a diversifying equity strategy with a long time horizon may benefit from exposure to Defensive Equity.

About AQR

AQR is a global investment management firm dedicated to delivering results for our clients. At the nexus of economics, behavioral finance, data and technology, AQR’s evolution over two decades has been a continuous exploration of what drives markets and how it can be applied to client portfolios. AQR’s investment and research team has been managing complex long-only and alternatives strategies since the firm’s inception in 1998.

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