

Strategy overview



NVIT J.P. Morgan U.S. Equity Fund

Key features

The Fund seeks to deliver consistent outperformance versus the S&P 500[®] Index by focusing on attractively valued large-cap stocks where they have the greatest insights and conviction.

It employs a 3-step process that combines research, valuation and stock selection.

Stock selection uses a proprietary ranking process that seeks to identify companies with strong valuation signals and high expected returns.

Q: How can I add the NVIT J.P. Morgan U.S. Equity Fund to my portfolio?

A: The Fund is a Nationwide Variable Insurance Trust (NVIT) fund available within certain Nationwide® variable annuities and variable universal life products. Visit our VIT <u>fund research tool</u> for more details.

Q: What is the Fund's investment objective and philosophy?

A: The Fund seeks a high level of total return from a diversified portfolio of equity securities. The portfolio managers believe that stocks are frequently mispriced by the market relative to their true long-term value. Their goal is to deliver consistent outperformance versus the S&P 500[®] Index by focusing on attractively valued large-cap stocks where they have the greatest insights in conviction.

Q: What is the Fund's investment management strategy?

A: Portfolio Manager Scott Davis and a team of 20 sector analysts employ fundamental analysis to identify companies with growth potential and construct a high-conviction portfolio of 50 to 60 stocks of the analysts' "best ideas." While seeking companies with strong growth prospects, the team's research-driven approach focuses on identifying the most attractively valued stocks within each sector.

The Fund maintains sector weightings similar to those of the S&P 500[®] Index. They do this by seeking to outperform the Index with stock selection relative to any unintended sector weightings or factor exposures.

Q: How is the Fund positioned in today's market environment?

A: While AI monetization and capital expenditures face ongoing scrutiny, the long-term outlook remains promising. Valuations, though elevated despite the recent sell-off, are underpinned by solid earnings. Further, the relative strength of the U.S. economy should likely buttress earnings; however, 1Q and 2Q earnings are expected to moderate. Additionally, if trade tensions were to ease, it could present near-term opportunities in terms of earnings surprises.

Q: What is the Fund's process for stock selection?

A: Stock selection for the Fund leverages a proprietary, fundamental stock ranking process based on expected returns designed to identify companies that have insight, conviction and a valuation signal. This results in a high-conviction style-agnostic portfolio of 50 to 60 stocks with a focus on quality large-cap companies. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of large-capitalization U.S. companies. For these purposes, large-capitalization U.S. companies are those with market capitalizations similar to those of companies included in the S&P 500[®] Index. The Fund may also invest in stocks of foreign companies and may possibly invest up to 20% of its net assets in stocks of companies that are not companies with larger capitalizations.

Q: What is the Fund's risk management process?

- A: J.P. Morgan employs a 3-step process to managing the Fund that combines research, valuation and stock selection. The Fund seeks to manage the overall risk of the portfolio by utilizing the following guidelines:
 - Stock exposure: +/-4% that of the S&P 500
 - Sector exposure: +/-4% that of the S&P 500
 - Tracking error target: 2-4% that of the S&P 500

The Fund also has a very clear sell discipline. When a stock is moving down the team's quintile rankings, it provides the team with a signal to trim or exit the position in favor of higher-ranked ideas.



If you have questions about the NVIT J.P. Morgan U.S. Equity Fund or want to review other VIT funds, call 1-800-321-6064 or visit our <u>fund research tool</u>.



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S&P 500* **Index:** An unmanaged, market capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks of leading large-cap U.S. companies in leading industries; gives a broad look at the U.S. equities market and those companies' stock price performance.

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