

Summary Prospectus March 1, 2021

Class/Ticker A GIIAX C GIICX R GIIRX R6 GIXIX Institutional Service Class NWXPX

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's Prospectus, which contains information about the Fund and its risks. The Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, each dated March 1, 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/mutualfundprospectuses, email a request to web_help@nationwide.com or call 800-848-0920, or ask any financial advisor, bank, or broker-dealer who offers shares of the Fund.

Objective

The Nationwide International Index Fund seeks to match the performance of the MSCI Europe, Australasia and Far East Index ("MSCI EAFE® Index") as closely as possible before the deduction of Fund expenses.

Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in the Fund. *More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in "Investing with Nationwide Funds" commencing on page 41 of the Prospectus and in "Additional Information on Purchases and Sales" commencing on page 96 of the Statement of Additional Information. In addition, if you purchase shares through a specific intermediary, you may be subject to different sales charges including reductions in or waivers of such charges. More information about these intermediary-specific sales charge variations is available in Appendix A to the Fund's Prospectus.*

Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

| | Class A Shares | Class C Shares | Class R Shares | Class R6 Shares | Institutional Service Class Shares |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price) | 5.75% | None | None | None | None |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of offering or sale price, whichever is less) | None | 1.00% | None | None | None |

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

| | Class A Shares | Class C Shares | Class R Shares | Class R6 Shares | Institutional Service Class Shares |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Management Fees | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% | 0.25% |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fee | 0.25% | 1.00% | 0.50% | None | None |
| Other Expenses | 0.25% | 0.18% | 0.30% | 0.08% | 0.24% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 0.75% | 1.43% | 1.05% | 0.33% | 0.49% |

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 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 A Shares | \$647 | \$801 | \$968 | \$1,452 |
| Class C Shares | 246 | 452 | 782 | 1,713 |
| Class R Shares | 107 | 334 | 579 | 1,283 |
| Class R6 Shares | 34 | 106 | 185 | 418 |
| Institutional Service Class Shares | 50 | 157 | 274 | 616 |

You would pay the following expenses on the same investment if you did not sell your shares:

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Class C Shares | \$146 | \$452 | \$782 | \$1,713 |

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 and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. 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 6.80% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund employs a “passive” management, or indexing, approach, which seeks to match approximately the performance of the MSCI EAFE® Index before the deduction of Fund expenses. The MSCI EAFE® Index includes securities of large- and mid-cap companies located in Europe, Australia and Asia (including the Far East). Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in a statistically selected sampling of equity securities of companies included in the MSCI EAFE® Index. The Fund will, under normal circumstances, invest in all of the countries represented in the MSCI EAFE® Index. The Fund may not, however, invest in all the companies within a country represented in the MSCI EAFE® Index, or in the same weightings as in the MSCI EAFE® Index.

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.

Market risk – market risk is 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.

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.

Mid-cap risk – medium-sized companies are usually less stable in price and less liquid than larger, more established companies. Therefore, they generally involve greater risk.

Index fund risk – the Fund does not use defensive strategies or attempt to reduce its exposure to poor performing securities. Further, correlation between the Fund’s performance and that of the index may be negatively affected by the Fund’s expenses, changes in the composition of the index, and the timing of purchase and redemption of Fund shares.

Redemptions risk – the Fund may be an investment option for other mutual funds that are managed as “funds-of-funds.” As a result, from time to time, the Fund may experience relatively large redemptions or investments and could be required to sell securities or to invest cash at a time when it is not advantageous to do so. Large or continuous redemptions may increase the Fund’s transaction costs and could cause the Fund’s operating expenses to be allocated over a smaller asset base, leading to an increase in the Fund’s expense ratio. If funds-of-funds or other large shareholders redeem large amounts of shares rapidly or unexpectedly, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities at times when it would not otherwise do so, which could negatively impact the Fund’s net asset value and liquidity.

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.

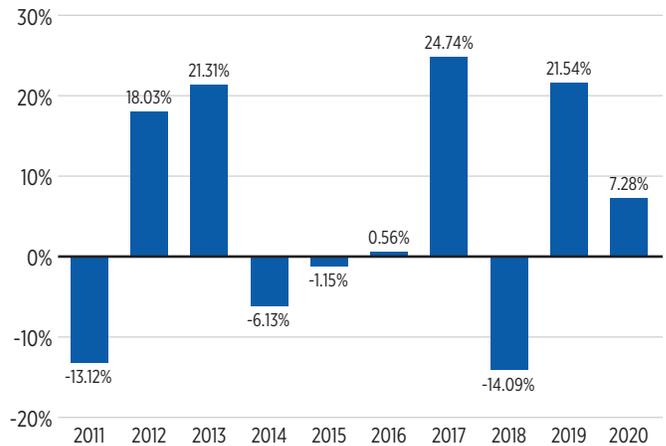
Loss of money is a risk of investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Performance

The following bar chart and table can help you evaluate the Fund’s potential risks. The bar chart shows how the Fund’s annual total returns have varied from year to year. The table compares the Fund’s average annual total returns to the returns of a broad-based securities index. Remember, however, that past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily indicative of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available at no cost by visiting nationwide.com/mutualfunds or by calling 800-848-0920.

Sales charges are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would be less than those shown.

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



Highest Quarter: 15.75% – 4Q 2020

Lowest Quarter: -22.75% – 1Q 2020

After-tax returns are shown for Class A shares only and will vary for other classes. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax return depends on your personal tax situation and may differ from what is shown here. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors in tax-advantaged arrangements, such as individual retirement accounts, 401(k) plans or certain other employer-sponsored retirement plans.

The inception date for Institutional Service Class shares is December 6, 2016. Pre-inception historical performance for Institutional Service Class shares is based on the previous performance of Class R6 shares. Performance for Institutional Service Class shares has been adjusted to reflect that share class’s higher expenses than those of the Fund’s Class R6 shares.

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

| | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--------|---------|----------|
| Class A Shares – Before Taxes | 1.09% | 5.78% | 4.34% |
| Class A Shares – After Taxes on Distributions | 0.73% | 4.63% | 3.42% |
| Class A Shares – After Taxes on Distributions and Sales of Shares | 0.94% | 4.26% | 3.23% |
| Class C Shares – Before Taxes | 5.67% | 6.33% | 4.27% |
| Class R Shares – Before Taxes | 7.07% | 6.73% | 4.74% |
| Class R6 Shares – Before Taxes | 7.75% | 7.50% | 5.39% |
| Institutional Service Class Shares – Before Taxes | 7.62% | 7.32% | 5.17% |
| MSCI EAFE® Index (The Index does not pay sales charges, fees, expenses or taxes.) | 7.82% | 7.45% | 5.51% |

Portfolio Management

Investment Adviser

Nationwide Fund Advisors

Subadviser

BlackRock Investment Management, LLC

Portfolio Managers

| Portfolio Manager | Title | Length of Service with Fund |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Alan Mason | Managing Director | Since 2014 |
| Rachel Aguirre | Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager | Since 2016 |
| Jennifer Hsui, CFA | Managing Director, Portfolio Manager | Since 2019 |
| Amy Whitelaw | Managing Director, Portfolio Manager | Since 2019 |
| Suzanne Henige, CFA | Director | Since 2020 |

account, in which case your distributions may be taxed as ordinary income when withdrawn from the tax-advantaged account.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

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| Minimum Initial Investment Class A, Class C: \$2,000 Class R: no minimum Class R6: \$1,000,000 Institutional Service Class: \$50,000 Automatic Asset Accumulation Plan (Class A, Class C): \$0* <i>* Provided each monthly purchase is at least \$50</i> |
| Minimum Additional Investment Class A, Class C: \$100 Class R, Class R6, Institutional Service Class: no minimum Automatic Asset Accumulation Plan (Class A, Class C): \$50 |

In general, you can buy or sell (redeem) shares of the Fund through your broker-dealer or financial intermediary, or by mail or phone on any business day. You can generally pay for shares by check or wire.

| To Purchase and Sell (Redeem) Fund Shares | | |
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| Mail: Nationwide Funds P.O. Box 701 Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701 | Overnight: Nationwide Funds 615 East Michigan Street Third Floor Milwaukee, WI 53202 | Website: nationwide.com/ mutualfunds |
| Phone: 800-848-0920 (toll free). Representatives are available 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday. | | |

Tax Information

The Fund's distributions are taxable, and generally will be taxed as ordinary income, capital gains, or some combination of both, unless you are investing through a tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement