

## EQ Advisors Trust<sup>SM</sup>

### EQ/AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio<sup>1</sup> – Class IA, IB and K Shares

#### Summary Prospectus dated May 1, 2019

Before you invest, you may want to review the Portfolio's Prospectus, which contains more information about the Portfolio and its risks. The Portfolio's current Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), dated May 1, 2019, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, and the Portfolio's audited financial statements included in its annual report to shareholders dated December 31, 2018, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus. You can find the Portfolio's Prospectus, SAI, reports to shareholders and other information about the Portfolio online at [www.axa-equitablefunds.com/allportfolios.aspx](http://www.axa-equitablefunds.com/allportfolios.aspx). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1-877-222-2144 or by sending an e-mail request to [service@axa.us.com](mailto:service@axa.us.com). This Summary Prospectus is intended for use in connection with a variable contract as defined in Section 817(d) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Contracts") and certain other eligible investors and is not intended for use by other investors.

*Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, you may not be receiving paper copies of the Portfolio's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports unless you specifically request paper copies from the insurance company that offers your Contract, from your financial intermediary, or from the Portfolio. Instead, the shareholder reports will be made available on a website, and you will be notified by mail each time a shareholder report is posted and provided with a website link to access the shareholder report.*

*If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. If you are a Contractholder, you may elect to receive the Portfolio's shareholder reports and other communications electronically from the insurance company by following the instructions provided by the insurance company. For other shareholders, you may elect to receive the Portfolio's shareholder reports and other communications electronically by calling 1-877-222-2144 or by sending an e-mail request to [service@axa.us.com](mailto:service@axa.us.com).*

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**Investment Objective:** Seeks to achieve long-term growth of capital.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO

The following table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Portfolio. The table below does not reflect any fees and expenses associated with variable life insurance contracts and variable annuity certificates and contracts ("Contracts"), which would increase overall fees and expenses. See the Contract prospectus for a description of those fees and expenses.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment)			
Not applicable.			
<b>Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)			
EQ/AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Class IA Shares	Class IB Shares	Class K Shares
Management Fee	0.52%	0.52%	0.52%
Distribution and/or Service Fees (12b-1 fees)	0.25%	0.25%	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses	0.92%	0.92%	0.67%

#### Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other portfolios. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the periods indicated, that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. This Example does not reflect any Contract-related fees and expenses including redemption fees (if any) at the Contract level. If such fees and expenses were reflected, the total expenses would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, whether you redeem or hold your shares, your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class IA Shares	\$94	\$293	\$509	\$1,131
Class IB Shares	\$94	\$293	\$509	\$1,131
Class K Shares	\$68	\$214	\$373	\$ 835

#### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Portfolio 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 Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 46% of the average value of the Portfolio.

<sup>1</sup> Effective May 1, 2019, the designation "EQ" replaced the former designation "AXA" in the Portfolio's name.

## INVESTMENTS, RISKS, AND PERFORMANCE

**Principal Investment Strategy:** The Portfolio's assets normally are allocated between two portions, each of which is managed using a different but complementary investment strategy. One portion of the Portfolio is actively managed by a Sub-Adviser ("Active Allocated Portion"); the other portion of the Portfolio seeks to track the performance of a particular index or indices ("Index Allocated Portion"). Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus borrowings for investment purposes in securities of small capitalization companies with market capitalizations within the range of the Russell 2500™ Index at the time of purchase (market capitalization range of approximately \$7.9 million to \$18.4 billion as of December 31, 2018). The Active Allocated Portion consists of approximately 50% of the Portfolio's net assets, and the Index Allocated Portion consists of approximately 50% of the Portfolio's net assets. These percentages are targets established by the Adviser; actual allocations may deviate from these targets.

The Active Allocated Portion invests primarily in U.S. common stocks and other equity securities issued by small capitalization companies that the Sub-Adviser believes to have favorable growth prospects. The Portfolio may at times invest in companies in cyclical industries, companies whose securities are temporarily undervalued, companies in special situations (e.g., change in management, new products or changes in customer demand) and less widely known companies. The Sub-Adviser may sell a security for a variety of reasons, including to invest in a company believed to offer superior investment opportunities. The Active Allocated Portion generally engages in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities in seeking to achieve its investment objective.

The Index Allocated Portion of the Portfolio seeks to track the performance of the Russell 2000® Index ("Russell 2000") with minimal tracking error. The Portfolio invests in a statistically selected sample of the securities found in the Russell 2000 (market capitalization range of approximately \$7.9 million to \$6.2 billion as of December 31, 2018) in a process known as "sampling." This process selects stocks for the Index Allocated Portion so that industry weightings, market capitalizations and fundamental characteristics (price to book ratios, price to earnings ratios, debt to asset ratios and dividend yields) closely match those of the securities included in the Russell 2000. The Portfolio's investments in equity securities of small-cap companies included in the Russell 2000 may include financial instruments that derive their value from such securities.

The Portfolio also may lend its portfolio securities to earn additional income.

**Principal Risks:** An investment in the Portfolio is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, and you could lose money by investing in the Portfolio. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

The following risks, which are described in alphabetical order and not in order of importance or potential exposure, can negatively affect the Portfolio's performance.

**Equity Risk:** In general, the values of stocks and other equity securities fluctuate, and sometimes widely fluctuate, in response to

changes in a company's financial condition as well as general market, economic and political conditions and other factors.

**Index Strategy Risk:** The Portfolio employs an index strategy, that is, it generally invests in the securities included in its index or a representative sample of such securities regardless of market trends. The Portfolio generally will not modify its index strategy to respond to changes in the economy, which means that it may be particularly susceptible to a general decline in the market segment relating to the relevant index. In addition, although the index strategy attempts to closely track its benchmark index, the Portfolio may not invest in all of the securities in the index. Also, the Portfolio's fees and expenses will reduce the Portfolio's returns, unlike those of the benchmark index. Cash flow into and out of the Portfolio, portfolio transaction costs, changes in the securities that comprise the index, and the Portfolio's valuation procedures also may affect the Portfolio's performance. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the performance of the index strategy will match that of the benchmark index.

**Investment Style Risk:** The Portfolio may use a particular style or set of styles — in this case a "growth" style — to select investments. A particular style may be out of favor or may not produce the best results over short or longer time periods. Growth stocks may be more sensitive to changes in current or expected earnings than the prices of other stocks. Growth investing also is subject to the risk that the stock price of one or more companies will fall or will fail to appreciate as anticipated by the Portfolio, regardless of movements in the securities market. Growth stocks also tend to be more volatile than value stocks, so in a declining market their prices may decrease more than value stocks in general. Growth stocks also may increase the volatility of the Portfolio's share price.

**Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to the risk that the securities markets will move down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, based on overall economic conditions and other factors, which may negatively affect Portfolio performance. Changes in the financial condition of a single issuer can impact the market as a whole. Geo-political risks, including terrorism, tensions or open conflict between nations, or political or economic dysfunction within some nations that are major players on the world stage, may lead to instability in world economies and markets, may lead to increased market volatility, and may have adverse long-term effects. In addition, markets and market-participants are increasingly reliant on information data systems. Inaccurate data, software or other technology malfunctions, programming inaccuracies, unauthorized use or access, and similar circumstances may impair the performance of these systems and may have an adverse impact upon a single issuer, a group of issuers, or the market at-large.

**Portfolio Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to the risk that strategies used by an investment manager and its securities selections fail to produce the intended results. An investment manager's judgments or decisions about the quality, relative yield or value of, or market trends affecting, a particular security or issuer, industry, sector, region or market segment, or about the economy or interest rates, may be incorrect or otherwise may not produce the intended results, which may result in losses to the Portfolio. In addition, many processes used in Portfolio management, including security selection, rely, in whole or in part, on the use of various technologies. The Portfolio may suffer losses if there are imperfections, errors or limitations in the quantitative, analytic or other

tools, resources, information and data used, or the analyses employed or relied on, by an investment manager, or if such tools, resources, information or data are used incorrectly, fail to produce the desired results, or otherwise do not work as intended. There can be no assurance that the use of these technologies will result in effective investment decisions for the Portfolio.

**Portfolio Turnover Risk:** High portfolio turnover (generally, turnover, in excess of 100% in any given fiscal year) may result in increased transaction costs to the Portfolio, which may result in higher fund expenses and lower total return.

**Sector Risk:** From time to time, based on market or economic conditions, the Portfolio may have significant positions in one or more sectors of the market. To the extent the Portfolio invests more heavily in particular sectors, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors. Individual sectors may be more volatile, and may perform differently, than the broader market. The industries that constitute a sector may all react in the same way to economic, political or regulatory events.

**Securities Lending Risk:** The Portfolio may lend its portfolio securities to seek income. There is a risk that a borrower may default on its obligations to return loaned securities, however, the Portfolio's securities lending agent may indemnify the Portfolio against that risk. The Portfolio will be responsible for the risks associated with the investment of cash collateral, including any collateral invested in an affiliated money market fund. The Portfolio may lose money on its investment of cash collateral or may fail to earn sufficient income on its investment to meet obligations to the borrower. In addition, delays may occur in the recovery of securities from borrowers, which could interfere with the Portfolio's ability to vote proxies or to settle transactions.

**Small-Cap Company Risk:** The Portfolio's investments in small-cap companies may involve greater risks than investments in larger, more established issuers because they generally are more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business or economic developments, which can negatively affect their value. Such companies generally have narrower product lines, more limited financial and management resources and more limited markets for their securities as compared with larger companies. They may depend on a more limited management group than larger capitalized companies. In addition, it is more difficult to get information on smaller companies, which tend to be less well known, have shorter operating histories, do not have significant ownership by large investors and are followed by relatively few securities analysts. As a result, the value of such securities may be more volatile than the value of securities of larger companies, and because the securities generally trade in lower volumes than larger cap securities, the Portfolio may experience difficulty in purchasing or selling such securities at the desired time and price or in the desired amount.

**Special Situations Risk:** The Portfolio may seek to benefit from "special situations," such as mergers, consolidations, bankruptcies, liquidations, reorganizations, restructurings, tender or exchange offers or other unusual events expected to affect a particular issuer. In general, securities of companies which are the subject of a tender or

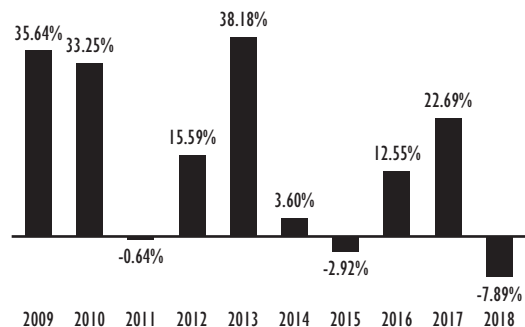
exchange offer or a merger, consolidation, bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or restructuring proposal sell at a premium to their historic market price immediately prior to the announcement of the transaction. However, it is possible that the value of securities of a company involved in such a transaction will not rise and in fact may fall, in which case the Portfolio would lose money. It is also possible that the transaction may not be completed as anticipated or may take an excessive amount of time to be completed, in which case the Portfolio may not realize any premium on its investment and could lose money if the value of the securities declines during the Portfolio's holding period. In some circumstances, the securities purchased may be illiquid making it difficult for the Portfolio to dispose of them at an advantageous price.

## Risk/Return Bar Chart and Table

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing changes in the Portfolio's performance from year to year and by showing how the Portfolio's average annual total returns for the past one, five and ten years (or since inception) through December 31, 2018 compared to the returns of a broad-based securities market index. The return of the broad-based securities market index (and any additional comparative index) shown in the right hand column below is the return of the index for the last 10 years or, if shorter, since the inception of the share class with the longest history. Past performance is not an indication of future performance.

The performance results do not reflect any Contract-related fees and expenses, which would reduce the performance results.

### Calendar Year Annual Total Returns — Class IB



Best quarter (% and time period)

20.95% (2009 2nd Quarter)

Worst quarter (% and time period)

-21.47% (2018 4th Quarter)

### Average Annual Total Returns

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years/Since Inception
EQ/AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio — Class IA Shares	-7.91%	5.05%	13.97%
EQ/AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio — Class IB Shares	-7.89%	5.05%	13.88%
EQ/AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio — Class K Shares (Inception Date: August 26, 2011)	-7.60%	5.32%	12.21%
Russell 2000® Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	-9.31%	5.13%	13.52%

## WHO MANAGES THE PORTFOLIO

### Investment Adviser: FMG LLC

**Portfolio Managers:** The members of the team that are jointly and primarily responsible for (i) the selection, monitoring and oversight of the Portfolio's Sub-Advisers, and (ii) allocating assets among the Portfolio's Allocated Portions are:

Name	Title	Date Began Managing the Portfolio
Kenneth T. Kozlowski, CFP®, CLU, ChFC	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of FMG LLC	May 2011
Alwi Chan, CFA®	Senior Vice President and Deputy Chief Investment Officer of FMG LLC	May 2009

### Sub-Adviser: AllianceBernstein L.P. ("AllianceBernstein" or the "Sub-Adviser")

**Portfolio Managers:** The members of the team that are jointly and primarily responsible for the securities selection, research and trading for the Active Allocated Portion of the Portfolio are:

Name	Title	Date Began Managing the Portfolio
Bruce Aronow	Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager/Research Analyst of AllianceBernstein	May 2000
Samantha Lau	Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager/Research Analyst of AllianceBernstein	April 2005
Wen-Tse Tseng	Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager/Research Analyst of AllianceBernstein	May 2006

**Portfolio Manager:** The individual primarily responsible for the securities selection, research and trading for the Index Allocated Portion of the Portfolio is:

Name	Title	Date Began Managing the Portfolio
Joshua Lisser	Senior Vice President/Chief Investment Officer, Index Strategies of AllianceBernstein	December 2008

AXA Equitable Funds Management Group, LLC ("FMG LLC" or the "Adviser") has been granted relief by the Securities and Exchange Commission to hire, terminate and replace Sub-Advisers and amend sub-advisory agreements subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and without obtaining shareholder approval. However, the Adviser may not enter into a sub-advisory agreement on behalf of the Portfolio with an "affiliated person" of the Adviser, such as AllianceBernstein L.P., unless the sub-advisory agreement is approved by the

Portfolio's shareholders. The Adviser is responsible for overseeing Sub-Advisers and recommending their hiring, termination and replacement to the Board of Trustees.

## PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The Portfolio's shares are currently sold only to insurance company separate accounts in connection with Contracts issued by AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company ("AXA Equitable"), AXA Life and Annuity Company, or other affiliated or unaffiliated insurance companies and to The AXA Equitable 401(k) Plan. Shares also may be sold to other portfolios managed by FMG LLC that currently sell their shares to such accounts and to other investors eligible under applicable federal income tax regulations. Class K shares of the Portfolio are sold only to other portfolios of the Trust, portfolios of AXA Premier VIP Trust and certain group annuity plans.

The Portfolio does not have minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares of the Portfolio are redeemable on any business day (which typically is any day the New York Stock Exchange is open) upon receipt of a request. All redemption requests will be processed and payment with respect thereto will normally be made within seven days after tender. Please refer to your Contract prospectus for more information on purchasing and redeeming Portfolio shares.

## TAX INFORMATION

The Portfolio's shareholders are (or may include) insurance company separate accounts and other investors eligible under applicable federal income tax regulations. Distributions made by the Portfolio to such an account, and exchanges and redemptions of Portfolio shares made by such an account, ordinarily do not cause the holders of underlying Contracts to recognize income or gain for federal income tax purposes at the time of the distributions, exchanges or redemptions; the holders generally are taxed only on amounts they withdraw from their Contract. See the prospectus for your Contract for further tax information.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

This Portfolio is not sold directly to the general public but instead is offered as an underlying investment option for Contracts and to other eligible investors. The Portfolio and the Adviser and its affiliates may make payments to a sponsoring insurance company (or its affiliates) or other financial intermediary for distribution and/or other services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or other financial intermediary and your financial adviser to recommend the Portfolio over another investment or by influencing an insurance company to include the Portfolio as an underlying investment option in the Contract. The prospectus (or other offering document) for your Contract may contain additional information about these payments. Ask your financial adviser or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.