

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

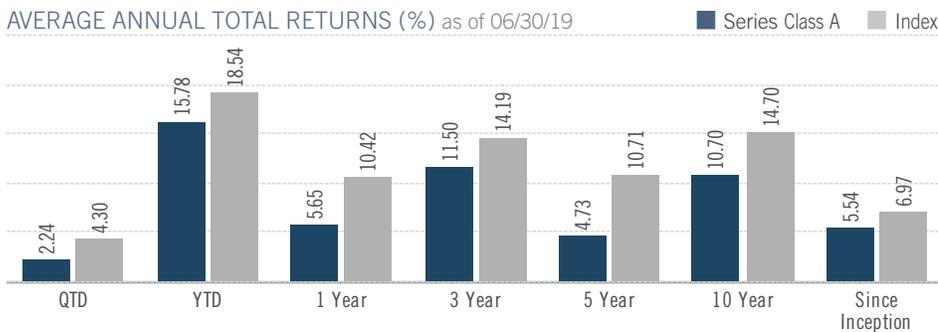
The Series provides exposure to U.S. equities with the goal of low tracking error relative to the S&P 500® Index. Slight tilts toward those areas demonstrating the strongest relative strength will be systematically incrementally overweighted. This, combined with an innovative options overlay strategy, seeks to provide greater returns than the S&P 500 Index with a similar level of risk.

**KEY FEATURES**

**Proprietary Options Trading Strategy** — The options strategy seeks to exploit pricing inefficiencies in the S&P 500® Index options market. This type of strategy tends to be less accessible and more difficult to consistently implement outside of professional investment management

**Lower Correlation** — Excess returns generated from the options strategy tend to be less correlated with equity markets

**Risk Mitigation** — All options trades are short dated and have defined loss parameters



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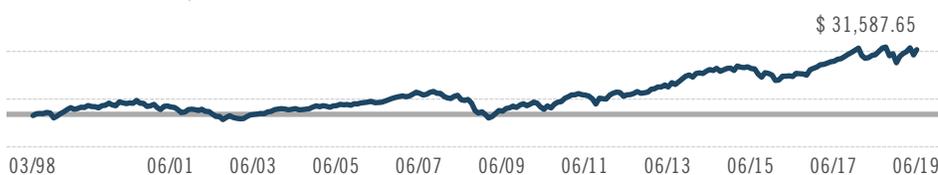
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.14%. The net expense ratio is 0.98%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2020.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns.

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Series	-12.86	22.96	9.41	-8.91	9.64	31.81	14.77	-1.66	12.83	23.50
Index	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69	32.39	16.00	2.11	15.06	26.46

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 3/2/1998. As of 6/28/2019 the fund value would have been \$31,587.65. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

**SERIES INFORMATION**

CUSIP	
A Shares	92829L208
Inception Date	03/02/98
AUM (\$ millions)	93.6
Number of Holdings	514
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Large Blend
Lipper Category	Large-Cap Core Funds
Index	S&P 500® Index

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★	1,205
3 Year	★★	1,205
5 Year	★	1,066
10 Year	★	809

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance. The Overall Morningstar Rating is based on risk-adjusted returns, derived from a weighted average of the three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar metrics.

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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

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Industry start date: 1993  
 Start date as Series Portfolio Manager: 2016

**Michael Davis**

Industry start date: 1999  
 Start date as Series Portfolio Manager: 2016

**Brendan R. Finneran, CMT**

Industry start date: 2003  
 Start date as Series Portfolio Manager: 2016

**Robert F. Hofeman, Jr.**

Industry start date: 2002  
 Start date as Series Portfolio Manager: 2016

CHARACTERISTICS	Series	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	240.45	242.66
Median Market Cap (bn)	22.67	22.67
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	20.52	20.48
Price-to-Cash Flow	18.17	18.14
Price-to-Book Value	5.75	5.75
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	13.49	13.75
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	8.05	8.01
Active Share	3.38	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Series	Index
Alpha	-3.28	n/a
Beta	1.09	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.91	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.74	1.07
Standard Deviation	13.68	12.02

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Series
Microsoft Corp	4.24
Apple Inc	3.66
Amazon.com Inc	3.15
Invesco S&P 500 Low Volatility ETF	2.45
Facebook Inc	1.71
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	1.71
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.51
Johnson & Johnson	1.38
Visa Inc	1.25
Alphabet, Inc.- Cl C	1.24

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS	% Series	% Index
Information Technology	22.05	21.48
Financials	13.86	13.07
Health Care	13.09	14.20
Consumer Discretionary	10.52	10.19
Communication Services	9.31	10.19
Industrials	8.76	9.38
Consumer Staples	7.62	7.27
Energy	4.63	5.05
Utilities	3.95	3.31
Real Estate	3.58	3.05
Materials	2.62	2.80

## IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Equity Securities:** The market price of equity securities may be adversely affected by financial market, industry, or issuer-specific events. Focus on a particular style or on small or medium-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Call/Put Spreads:** Buying and selling call and put option spreads on the SPX Index risks the loss of the premium when buying, can limit upside participation, and increase downside losses. **Portfolio Turnover:** The fund's principal investment strategies will result in a consistently high portfolio turnover rate. 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. **Fund of Funds:** Because the fund can invest in other funds, it indirectly bears its proportionate share of the operating expenses and management fees of the underlying fund(s). **Industry/Sector Concentration:** A fund that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a non-concentrated fund. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus. **Options Overlay:** The options overlay strategy may not be successful in achieving its objective of increasing distributable income while limiting the risk of loss and, in periods of significant moves in the S&P 500 Index, has resulted and, in the future, may result in losses for investors.

## GLOSSARY

**Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn):** The total dollar market value of all of a company's outstanding shares. **Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings:** Per share stock price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share. **Price-to-Cash Flow:** Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow. **Price-to-Book Value:** A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. **3-Year EPS Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3-year period. **5-Year EPS Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 5-year period. **Active Share:** A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. **Alpha:** A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. **Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **R<sup>2</sup>:** A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index.

**Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

## INDEX DEFINITION

Index: The S&P 500® Index is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index of 500 of the largest U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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