

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Series seeks attractive long-term returns by providing U.S. real estate securities exposure, emphasizing companies with revenues driven by rental income. The highly experienced portfolio team applies a disciplined, bottom-up investment process, focusing on high-quality commercial real estate owner/operators that derive more than 70% of revenue from rents

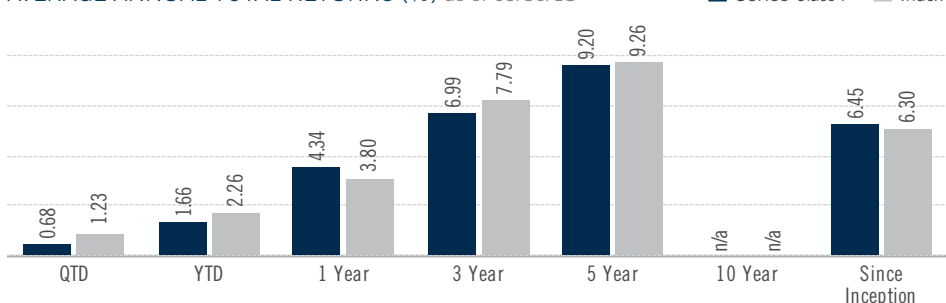
KEY FEATURES

Attractive Income and Growth Potential — Pursues the stable cash flows offered by rental contractual revenues, emphasizing REITs with strong management teams focused on long-term value creation

Broadens Portfolio Diversification — Provides exposure to the lower correlations the U.S. real estate market has historically exhibited to traditional stocks and bonds

Lower Volatility Approach — High-conviction, lower-turnover portfolio of 30-40 securities, strives to benefit from valuations inefficiencies and the historically higher long-term risk-adjusted returns of rental property companies over non-rental companies

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 09/30/18



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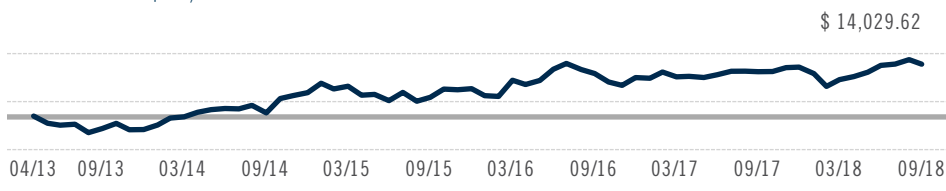
The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.96%. The net expense ratio is 0.91%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2019.

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 (%)

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Series | 6.25 | 7.10 | 2.62 | 31.98 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Index | 5.23 | 8.52 | 3.20 | 30.14 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 4/30/2013. As of 9/28/2018 the fund value would have been \$14,029.62. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

SERIES INFORMATION

| | CUSIP |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| A Shares | 92829L703 |
| I Shares | 92829L844 |
| Inception Date | 04/30/13 |
| AUM (\$ millions) | 73.6 |
| Number of Holdings | 31 |
| Dividends | Semi-Annually |
| Morningstar Category | Real Estate |
| Lipper Category | Real Estate Funds |
| Index | FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Index |

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

| Time Period | # of Stars | # of Funds |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Overall | ★★★★ | 222 |
| 3 Year | ★★★ | 222 |
| 5 Year | ★★★★ | 191 |
| 10 Year | Not Rated | n/a |

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

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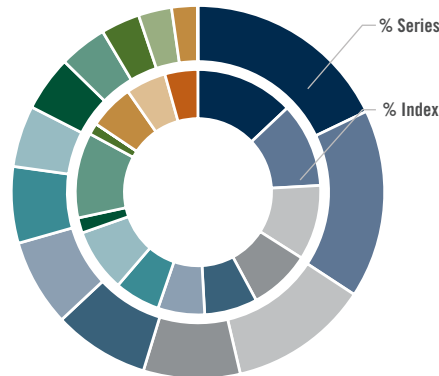
PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Geoffrey P. Dybas, CFA
Industry start date: 1989
Start date with Series: 1998

Frank J. Haggerty, Jr., CFA
Industry start date: 1996
Start date with Series: 2007

| CHARACTERISTICS | Series | Index |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn) | 16.04 | 16.14 |
| Median Market Cap (bn) | 8.13 | 2.87 |
| Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings | 34.18 | 32.96 |
| Price-to-Cash Flow | 16.31 | 16.20 |
| Price-to-Book Value | 2.42 | 2.40 |
| 3-Year EPS Growth Rate | 4.97 | 2.80 |
| 5-Year EPS Growth Rate | 20.55 | 15.63 |
| Active Share | 58.37 | n/a |
| Dividend Coverage | 1.70 | 1.50 |
| Earnings Growth Rate est. 2019 | 5.30 | 4.40 |
| FFO Multiple (P/E Ratio) est. 2019 | 18.70 | 17.40 |

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



| | % Series | % Index |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Residential: Apartments | 17.89 | 12.96 |
| Office | 16.34 | 11.16 |
| Industrial | 12.13 | 9.88 |
| Data Centers | 8.38 | 8.14 |
| Lodging/Resorts | 8.30 | 6.98 |
| Retail: Shopping Centers | 7.57 | 6.16 |
| Self Storage | 6.62 | 6.01 |
| Retail: Regional Malls | 5.32 | 8.34 |
| Residential: Manufactured Homes | 4.79 | 2.00 |
| Health Care | 4.15 | 11.25 |
| Residential: Single Family Homes | 3.38 | 1.52 |
| Cash & Equivalents | 2.87 | 0.00 |
| Diversified | 2.27 | 5.94 |
| Specialty | 0.00 | 5.32 |
| Retail: Free Standing | 0.00 | 4.35 |

| RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR) | Series | Index |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| Alpha | -0.49 | -0.62 |
| Beta | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| R ² | 0.98 | 0.98 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Standard Deviation | 12.32 | 12.32 |

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS | % Series |
|---|----------|
| Prologis, Inc. | 8.22 |
| AvalonBay Communities, Inc. | 5.47 |
| Simon Property Group, Inc. | 5.33 |
| Digital Realty Trust, Inc. | 5.25 |
| Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. | 4.81 |
| Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. | 4.19 |
| Duke Realty Corporation | 3.92 |
| Regency Centers Corporation | 3.62 |
| Sun Communities, Inc. | 3.58 |
| Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc. | 3.51 |

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

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. **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. **Real Estate:** The fund may be negatively affected by factors specific to the real estate market, including interest rates, leverage, property, and management. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

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. **Dividend Coverage:** Calculated by dividing the company's earning income by the dividend pay-out rate for each stock held by the portfolio. **Earnings Growth Rate est. 2019:** The company's estimated future earnings for each stock held by the portfolio. **FFO Multiple (P/E Ratio) est. 2019:** Calculated by dividing the current market price by the estimated earnings (portfolios From Operations) per share for each stock held by the portfolio. **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. **R²:** 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 FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Index is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index measuring equity tax-qualified real estate investment trusts, which meet minimum size and liquidity criteria, that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ National Market System. 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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