

# VALUE EQUITY FUND

**DECEMBER 31, 2023** 

Class I **ARIQX** 

Class I-2 **AIQQX** 

#### **Fund Overview**

**Investment Goal\*:** The Fund seeks to maximize long-term capital appreciation

#### **Investment Information:**

- Fundamental, bottom-up stock selection process applied to a universe of companies with market capitalizations typically in excess of \$2 billion at initial investment
- Focused strategy tends to be characterized by high active share and low turnover
- Initial position size is typically 2.0%-2.5%
- Fund is composed mainly of U.S.based companies and may invest up to 20% in companies based outside the U.S. (ADRs)

### **Investment Management**

Sub-advised by Aristotle Capital Management, LLC

#### **Portfolio Managers**

Howard Gleicher, CFA 39 Years Industry Experience Gregory Padilla, CFA

18 Years Industry Experience

Investment Adviser
Aristotle Investment Services, LLC

#### Aristotle Value Equity Fund holdings must meet the following three criteria:

- **High Quality:** The investment process begins by identifying what we believe to be high-quality companies in great and/or improving lines of business. Such quality characteristics may include: sustainable competitive advantages, attractive business fundamentals, leading products or services, pricing power and experienced management teams.
- Attractive Valuation: We then assess the value of the company utilizing a private equity
  approach to public markets, as if we were buying the entire business. We develop our own
  financial models, estimating normalized revenues, margins and cash flows. Using multiple
  valuation metrics, we determine a conservative intrinsic value for the business.
- Compelling Catalysts: Catalysts are actions/events currently underway that we believe will
  propel a company to meet its full potential over the next three to five years. We seek to identify
  catalysts that fall outside the short-term focus of the market, such as changes in leadership,
  divestitures/acquisitions, margin improvements and/or productivity gains. We believe
  catalysts are essential to avoiding "value traps."

	Tota	(%)	Annualized Total Returns (%)			
	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Fund Inception (8/31/16)
Class I-2	14.30	19.70	19.70	8.30	13.94	11.51
Russell 1000 Value Index	9.50	11.46	11.46	8.86	10.91	8.85
S&P 500 Index	11.69	26.29	26.29	10.00	15.69	13.35

Calendar Year (%)	2016¹	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class I-2	4.77	22.12	-9.53	32.18	14.38	24.90	-15.04	19.70
Russell 1000 Value Index	6.45	13.66	-8.27	26.54	2.80	25.16	-7.54	11.46
S&P 500 Index	3.84	21.83	-4.38	31.49	18.40	28.71	-18.11	26.29

Fund Information <sup>2</sup>	Class I	Class I-2
Minimum Initial/ Subsequent Investment	\$500,000/None	None <sup>3</sup>
Gross Expense Ratio (%)	0.69%	0.69%
Net Expense Ratio (%)	0.69%	0.69%
Sales Load/Maximum Sales Charge (%)	None	None

<sup>1</sup>2016 is a partial year period of four months, representing data from August 31, 2016 to December 31, 2016 <sup>2</sup>The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed, through July 31, 2026, to waive its management fees to the extent that the Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses exceed 0.69% for Class I-2. The Fund's adviser may not recoup these waivers in future periods.

Past Performance is not indicative of future results. Returns reflect reinvestment of dividends/distribution. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The graph does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or redemption of fund shares. Performance of other classes will vary due to differences in fee structures. This chart does not imply any future performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance current to the most recent month end may be found at www.aristotlefunds.com/performance or by calling 1-844-274-7885. The investment advisor has contractually agreed to limit certain expenses through 7/31/26. Please see the current prospectus for detailed information.

Class I-2 shares are sold at net asset value (NAV) without an initial sales charge and do not include a CDSC. Performance reflects any applicable fee waivers and expense reimbursements. If a sales charge had been deducted, the results would have been lower.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Contact your financial professional.

<sup>\*</sup>There is no guarantee the Fund will achieve its investment goal.

## ARISTOTLE VALUE EQUITY FUND

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Top Ten Holdings (%)	
Microsoft	4.38
Adobe	3.59
Parker Hannifin	3.53
Lennar	3.45
Martin Marietta Materials	3.22
ANSYS	3.09
Microchip Technology	2.93
Ameriprise Financial	2.90
Corteva	2.73
Capital One Financial	2.61
Total	32.43

Characteristics	Fund	Russell 1000 Value Index
Number of Holdings	43	849
Active Share (%)	91.0	
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	205.4	139.3
Dividend Yield (%)	1.8	2.3
Return on Equity (5 Yrs, %)	20.0	13.4
Net Assets (millions)	\$679.1	

Market Cap Breakdown (%)	Fund	Russell 1000 Value Index
Above \$50B	49.6	59.8
\$15B-\$50B	42.1	26.7
Below \$15B	8.3	13.5

Portfolio Risk/Return Statistics				
Class I-2	Russell 1000 Value Index			
104	100			
93	100			
2.72				
4.25				
0.94	1.00			
0.98	1.00			
16.97	16.75			
0.64				
0.58	0.43			
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Sector Weights (%)	Fund	Russell 1000 Value Index
Communication Services	0.0	4.7
Consumer Discretionary	7.9	5.2
Consumer Staples	7.6	7.8
Energy	4.2	7.8
Financials	16.3	21.8
Health Care	10.9	14.6
Industrials	11.9	13.9
Information Technology	21.0	9.5
Materials	10.4	4.9
Real Estate	3.3	5.0
Utilities	4.4	4.8
Cash	2.1	0.0

Sources: SS&C Advent, FactSet, Russell Investments, Standard & Poor's, eVestment

Largest Holdings weights are based on the total net assets exclusive of cash.

Holdings and allocations will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. References to specific securities or sectors should not be construed as recommendations. Holdings in the last 12 months are available upon request. An investment in the Fund is subject to risks, and you could lose money on your investment in the Fund.

The principal risks of investing in the Fund include, but are not limited to, market risk, equity risk, value-oriented investment strategies risk, small-cap, mid-cap and large-cap company risk, foreign investment risk, real estate investment trusts (REITs) risk, management and strategy risk, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk and cybersecurity risk. Foreign securities have additional risks, including currency rate changes, political and economic instability, lack of comprehensive company information, less market liquidity, less-efficient trading markets, and differing auditing companies and legal standards. The use of ETFs may cause the Fund to have higher expenses than those of other equity funds. Investments in emerging markets involve even greater risks. The securities of small-capitalization and mid-capitalization companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements and may have lower trading volumes or more erratic trading than securities of larger, more established companies or market averages in general. On the other hand, larger, more established companies may be unable to attain the high growth rates of successful, smaller companies during periods of economic expansion. Value stocks are those that are believed to be undervalued in comparison to their peers due to adverse business developments or other factors. Value investing is subject to the risk that the market will not recognize a security's inherent value for a long time or at all, or that a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced or overvalued.

The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. The 5&P 500® Index is the Standard & Poor's Composite Index of 500 stocks and is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices. The volatility (beta) of the Fund may be greater or less than that of the benchmark. It is not possible to invest directly in these indices. Dividend Yield is the ratio of a firm's dividends each year relative to its share price. Active Share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. Weighted Average Market Capitalization is a dollar-value measurement of the size of companies in a portfolio or index. In such a weighting scheme, an average figure is derived from the market capitalizations of each company (their market prices multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) multiplied by their weights in the portfolio or index. Return on Equity is the amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders' equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested. Subsidized 30-Day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It is a "subsidized" yield, which means it includes contractual expense reimbursements. Unsubsidized 30-Day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It excludes contractual expense reimbursements, resulting in a lower yield. Upside Market Capture is a measure of the performance in up markets relative to the market itself. Downside Market Capture is a measure of the performance in down markets relative to the market itself. Annualized Alpha is a measure of how closely related the variance of the manager returns and the variance of the b

Investors should consider a fund's investment goal, risk, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the fund and can be obtained at www.aristotlefunds.com. It should be read carefully before investing.

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