



## Knights of Columbus Long/Short Equity Fund

The long/short equity fund is designed for faith-based investors and invests in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

### FUND INFORMATION

SHARE CLASS	I Shares
TICKER SYMBOL	KCEIX
INCEPTION DATE	December 2, 2019
BENCHMARK	HFRX Equity Market Neutral Index
LONG POSITIONS	69
SHORT POSITIONS	42
MINIMUM INVESTMENT	\$25,000
GROSS EXPENSE RATIO	2.17%
NET EXPENSE RATIO	1.73%

Waivers are contractual and in effect until February 28, 2022. In the absence of current fee waivers, performance would be reduced.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Long/Short Equity Fund seeks to increase diversification within portfolios and pursues capital appreciation by establishing long and short positions in domestic U.S. equities. The team favors companies that have attractive valuations and exhibit high-quality financial positions with a history of strong free cash flow.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund's selection model employs value, earnings quality, and other proprietary measures when ranking the large cap universe. The process entails a value bias when evaluating securities and places primacy on identifying undervalued firms relative to their quality (longs) and overvalued firms based on their quality (shorts). While the Fund tends to have a modest net long exposure, it can be net short and often carries large cash balances due to proceeds from the short positions.

### PERFORMANCE (As of 03/31/2021, inception date: 12/2/2019)

	Annualized Returns					
	QTR	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Long/Short Equity Fund	6.97%	6.97%	5.31%	-	-	-3.54%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral Index	2.52%	2.52%	6.83%	-	-	-1.64%
Lipper Alternative Long/Short Equity Classification	5.07%	5.07%	28.05%	-	-	9.55%

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth less than their original cost and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. The Fund charges a 2.00% redemption fee on shares held less than 30 days. Investment performance does not reflect this redemption fee; if it was reflected, the total return would be lower than shown. For performance data current to the most recent month end, please call 1-844-KC-FUNDS.

### GROWTH OF \$10,000 (As of 03/31/2021)

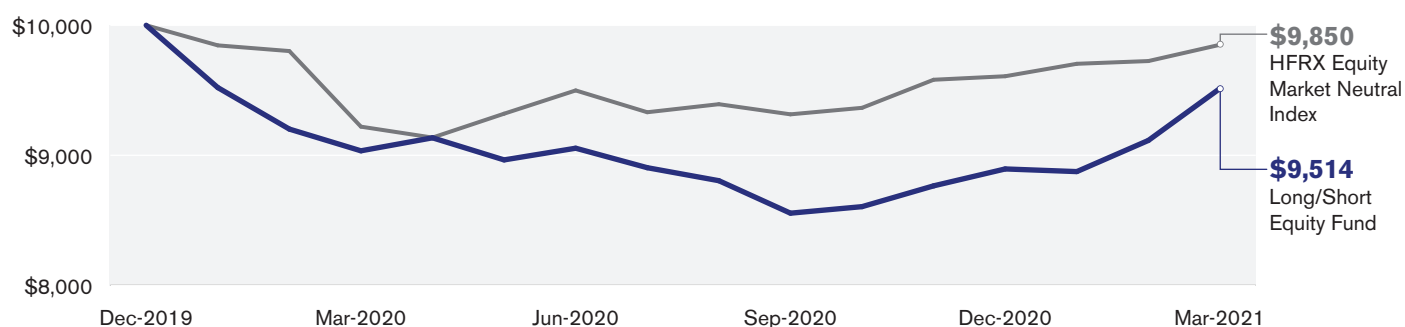


Chart depicts the value of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the Fund over the past 10 years (or since inception for funds lacking 10-year history). Investment performance is for Class I shares, and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The performance would have been lower if the Class A sales charges were deducted.

## SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (Excluding cash, as of 03/31/2021)

Sector	Short Exposure	Long Exposure	Net Exposure
Communication Services	-4.4%	3.1%	-1.3%
Consumer Discretionary	-3.7%	5.3%	1.6%
Consumer Staples	-1.0%	1.3%	0.3%
Energy	-0.3%	0.6%	0.3%
Financials	-1.4%	12.6%	11.2%
Healthcare	-5.3%	7.4%	2.1%
Industrials	-1.5%	7.5%	6.0%
Information Technology	-14.4%	25.0%	10.6%
Materials	-0.2%	1.6%	1.4%
Real Estate	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%
Utilities	-2.6%	0.0%	-2.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-35.0%</b>	<b>64.4%</b>	<b>29.4%</b>

Source: Wells Fargo Prime Brokerage, Data As of 03/31/2021

## TOP 10 ACTIVE LONG POSITIONS

(Excluding cash, as of 03/31/2021)

MSFT	2.54%	INTC	1.86%
AAPL	2.44%	NTAP	1.84%
STX	2.12%	AMP	1.76%
BAC	1.96%	ORCL	1.73%
JPM	1.92%	MS	1.73%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19.91%</b>

Holdings are subject to change.

## TOP ACTIVE LONGS FUNDAMENTALS

(As of 03/31/2021)

	Longs	Shorts
FCF/EV	6.5%	-0.6%
P/E	23.6x	-431.8x
Dividend Yield	1.9%	1.9%
ROE	46.2%	-14.8%
Margins	29.0%	3.4%
3 Yr Sales Growth	14.0%	134.8%

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

The benchmark HFRX Equity Market Neutral Index rose 2.52% for the quarter while the Fund rose 6.97%. For the trailing twelve months, the Fund rose 5.31% while the index rose 6.83%.

Considering the Fund's market-neutral positioning, we are pleased to see the Fund continue to benefit from some overdue upside capture. Remarkably, while the first quarter of 2021 was good for stocks of all types, it was only the third quarter out of the last 17 where value outperformed growth. As discussed in our prior quarterly commentaries, the weak performance of value relative to growth has only been this dire in the run-up to the peak of the internet bubble. We continue to believe that reversion is inevitable and a matter of "when" not "if."

On the long side, our positions in blue-chip financials JP Morgan Chase & Co. (+20%, +39bps contribution) and The Bank of America Corporation (+25%, +52bps) continued their strong performance from the prior quarter. Combined, the duo contributed +91bps in absolute performance. Consistent with our views discussed last

quarter that the demise of Intel (+27%, +53bps) was fully priced in, the stock was one of the quarter's largest contributors as the market finally recognized the value of its vast financial resources.

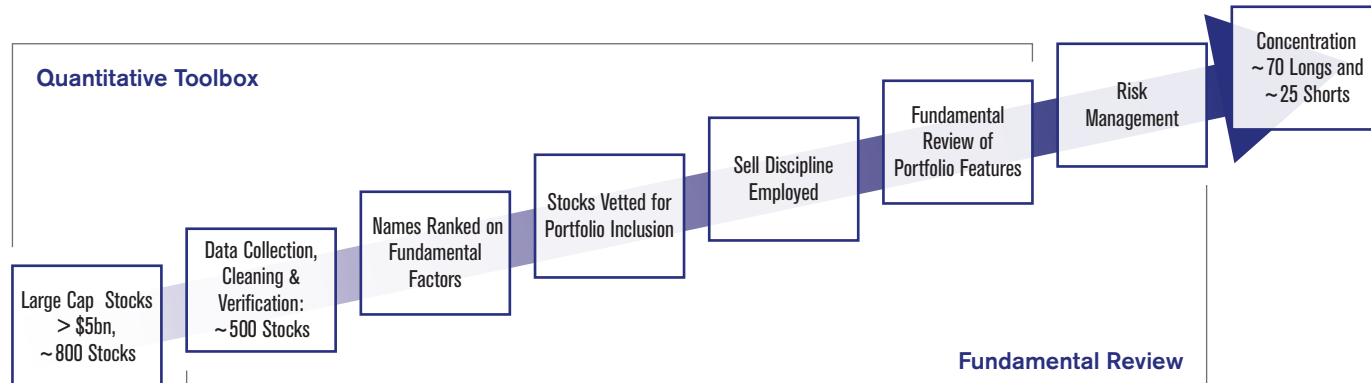
We would like to highlight the weak performance of one of our largest positions and why we are comfortable with it: Apple, Inc. (-6%, -20bps). Apple is one of the great blue chips in the market today and is reasonably priced. Our investment in Apple stems from the humility that there is no market cap too large to justify these days. While it is our largest position it is still a meaningful underweight relative to the S&P 500®.

Despite value's outperformance in the quarter, the short side of the portfolio still suffered from the market's manic obsession with fundamentally weak story stocks. Tesla, Inc., a firm that loses money in its automotive business rose another 19% in the quarter hurting results (+19%, -26bps). Another one of our shorts, Twilio Company rose this quarter detracting from performance (+8%, -5bps). With

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## INVESTMENT PROCESS



## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY (continued)

revenues of \$1.7bn and a market cap of \$62bn, the firm trades at over 35x sales despite losing half a billion dollars. We are optimistic that the intersection of losing money, impossible valuations, and impending investor disappointments will turn this firm into a healthy source of future alpha.

This quarter left us with little to complain about. While we maintain our high conviction that economic gravity is inevitable and that market-neutral funds like the Knight of Columbus Long/Short Fund have their best days ahead, history suggests the path will

not necessarily be smooth. Many of the market's most durable, profitable, and highest quality firms are available at reasonable to outright cheap prices as speculation grips markets. Periods like these can be the precursors for the powerful returns that market-neutral strategies generate over the long arc of history. The Fund is currently carrying a duration of fewer than 3 years. Considering the broad market has a duration of 37 years, we believe this product serves as a critical hedge and will generate healthy risk-adjusted returns as the bubble abates.

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**The HFRI EH: Equity Hedge Index** – Equity Market Neutral Index employs sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. These can include both Factor-based and Statistical Arbitrage/Trading Strategies.

**FCF/EV** – Portfolio weighted mean of (rolling four quarters FCF/market cap). **Margins** – Portfolio weighted mean of (operating profit from trailing four quarter / sales from the same period). **P/E** – Portfolio weighted mean of (rolling four quarter earnings before extraordinary items / market cap); inverted to calculate P/E. **Research & Development (R&D)/Sales (S)** – Portfolio weighted mean of (rolling four quarters R&D / rolling four quarter sales). **Return on Equity (ROE)** – Portfolio weighted mean of (rolling four quarter earnings before extraordinary items / most recent quarter book value). **Top 10 Active Long Positions** – Single name long equity positions selected for the fund's portfolio in order to generate alpha based upon quantitative and fundamental analysis.

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