# VILLERE EQUITY FUND | VLEQX

as of September 30, 2021



SELECTIVE INVESTING SINCE 1911

## **OBJECTIVE**

The Villere Equity Fund seeks to achieve long-term growth.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Our investment philosophy is built on our core belief that growth can and should be achieved at a reasonable price. We:

- Manage a high conviction, concentrated portfolio of Villere's 20-30 best ideas
- Employ a bottom-up research process to identify mispriced securities and unique opportunities
- Seek long-term relative outperformance through active management and selective investing
- Invest with a bias toward small-and mid-sized companies
- Have a long-term investment time horizon—low turnover

PERFORMANCE (%) INCEPTION 05/31/2013

09/30/21		Total Return			Average Annual Total Return		
	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception	Since Inception
Villere Equity Fund	-3.18	5.56	26.76	6.76	8.12	5.78	59.67
Lipper Mid Cap Growth Funds Index	0.57	9.40	29.93	18.48	19.47	15.20	225.23
S&P 500® Index	0.58	15.92	30.00	15.99	16.90	14.60	211.30

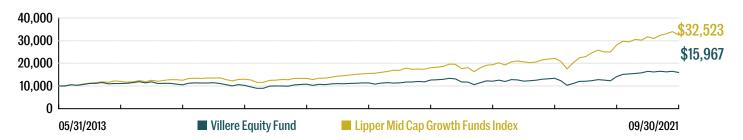
Expense Ratio: 1.25%

## **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS**

2013*	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
15.30%	-6.28%	-11.19%	10.49%	7.34%	-6.98%	24.50%	14.76%	5.56%
18.44%	7.91%	-0.96%	6.27%	25.90%	-3.53%	33.83%	35.98%	9.40%

Villere Equity Fund Lipper Mid Cap Growth Funds Index

## **GROWTH OF \$10,000 INVESTMENT**



This chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment. Assumes reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but does not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges or redemption fees. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance and represents past performance.

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Fund performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 866.209.1129. Investment performance reflects fee waivers in effect. In the absence of such waivers, total returns would be reduced. The Fund imposes a 2.00% redemption fee on shares held for less than 60 days.

<sup>\*</sup>Partial year. Inception to year-end.

FUND CHARACTERISTICS		PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION
Total Net Assets Number of Holdings	\$51.5M	• Stocks 91.7%
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap	\$41.4B	• Cash 8.3%
Median Market Cap	\$17.6B	
Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio	20.6X	
Turnover Ratio	25.8%	

All data is as of 09/30/2021.

SECTOR ALLOCATION	
Financials	27.8%
Information Technology	21.5%
Health Care	14.5%
Consumer Discretionary	9.9%
Industrials	8.0%
Telecommunication Services	7.4%
Materials	6.0%
Energy	4.9%
Consumer Staples	0.0%
Real Estate	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%

TOP 10 EQUITY HOLDINGS	
Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	5.5%
Open Lending Corp.	5.0%
Caesars Entertainment, Inc.	5.0%
Stryker Corp.	5.0%
Palomar Holdings, Inc.	5.0%
Roper Technologies, Inc.	4.7%
Euronet Worldwide, Inc.	4.6%
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	4.5%
ON Semiconductor Corp.	4.5%
ViacomCBS, Inc Class B	4.5%

## **ABOUT VILLERE & COMPANY**

Villere & Co. is a registered investment adviser and manages \$2.2 billion in equity and fixed income strategies for high networth individuals, multi-generational families, and institutional clients through customized managed accounts and mutual funds. From its headquarters in New Orleans, four generations of the Villere family have continuously served clients since 1911.



#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Pictured from left

#### ST. DENIS "SANDY" VILLERE III

Partner & Portfolio Manager 24 years of industry experience Joined firm in 1999

## LAMAR VILLERE, CFA

Partner & Portfolio Manager 24 years of industry experience Joined firm in 2013

### ST. DENIS "SANDY" VILLERE II

Partner & Portfolio Manager 62 years of industry experience Joined firm in 1960

## **GEORGE YOUNG**

Partner & Portfolio Manager 38 years of industry experience Joined firm in 1986

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Portfolio allocations, sector allocations, and holdings are subject to changes and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

P/E Ratio is the weighted average of the price/earnings ratios of the equities held by the Fund. P/E ratio is a company's current stock price divided by its estimated next 12-months' earnings per share. Market Cap is the market price of an entire company, calculated by multiplying the number of shares outstanding by the price per share. Turnover Ratio is a measure of the fund's trading activity that is computed by taking the lesser of purchases or sales (excluding all securities with maturities of less than one year) and dividing by average monthly assets. The Lipper Mid-Cap Growth Funds Index is an unmanaged, equally weighted performance index of the 30 largest qualifying mutual funds (based on net assets) in the Lipper Mid-Cap classification. S&P 500 is an unmanaged index which is widely regarded as the standard for measuring large-cap U.S. stock market performance. The stock index does not incur expenses and is not available for investment. One cannot invest directly in an index.

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. Equity investments are subject to market risk. The Fund may invest its assets in securities of foreign issuers in the form of ADRs, which are securities representing securities of foreign issuers. Foreign investments involve additional risks, including currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. Investments in small- and mid-cap companies are subject to greater volatility and may have limited liquidity. The Fund's ability to invest in initial public offerings (IPOs) involves a higher degree of risk than more seasoned companies.