### **HCM Tactical Growth Fund • December 2021**

Class A Shares: (HCMGX)

Class I Shares: (HCMIX)

Investor Class Shares: (HCMDX)

# **Monthly Performance (%)**

As of December 31, 2021 Note: Returns Greater Than 1 Year are Annualized

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Fund Name	3M	YTD Return	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception (7/30/14)
HCM Tactical - Class A	15.93	39.70	39.70	37.96	26.68	17.79
HCM Tactical - Class A with load	9.26	31.64	31.64	35.27	25.18	16.85
HCM Tactical - Class I	16.03	40.04	40.04	38.11	26.76	17.83
HCM Tactical - Investor Class	15.73	38.67	38.67	36.95	25.75	17.02
HFRX <sup>1</sup>	2.72	12.21	12.21	9.12	5.31	3.34
S&P 500 TR Index <sup>2</sup>	11.03	28.71	28.71	26.07	18.47	14.85

# **Quarterly Performance (%)**

As of December 31, 2021 Note: Returns Greater Than 1 Year are Annualized

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Fund Name	YTD Return	1Y	3Y	5Y	Since Inception (7/30/14)
HCM Tactical - Class A	39.70	39.70	37.96	26.68	17.79
HCM Tactical - Class A with load	31.64	31.64	35.27	25.18	16.85
HCM Tactical - Class I	40.04	40.04	38.11	26.76	17.83
HCM Tactical - Investor Class	38.67	38.67	36.95	25.75	17.02
HFRX <sup>1</sup>	12.21	12.21	9.12	5.31	3.34
S&P 500 TR Index <sup>2</sup>	28.71	28.71	26.07	18.47	14.85

# **Risk & Volatility Measures**

As of December 31, 2021 Note: Measures are calculated over last 5 years

Trailing	Fund	Category	Index
Alpha (%)	4.28	3.30	-
Beta	1.20	1.01	-
R <sup>2</sup> (%)	82.09	86.33	-
Sharpe Ratio	1.22	1.22	1.33
Standard Deviation(%)	20.33	16.86	16.45

# **Growth of \$10K Since Inception (%)**





#### Vance Howard

CEO & Portfolio Manager, Howard Capital Management, Inc.

Vance has offered professional money management through Howard Capital Management, Inc. since 1999. He specializes in research, development, and implementation of various types of trading systems. After years of research, he developed a disciplined, systematic, and quantitative method of investing that is designed with the goal of mitigating loss during market declines, called the HCM Buy-Line®. Vance proactively manages all investment options offered by Howard Capital Management, Inc.

### M○RNINGSTAR ★★★★

Morningstar rated the HCM Tactical Growth Fund with 4 stars for the overall and five year periods and 4 stars for the three year period ending 12/31/2021 based on risk adjusted returns, in the US Fund Large Blend category out of 1,012 total funds and 1,116 funds, respectively.

#### **Fund Overview**

Objective: The Fund seeks long term capital appreciation.

#### Key Features:

- Invests in equity securities of any capitalization size and sector.
- Uses active trading and a quantitative approach to investing in ETFs and mutual funds.
- Invests in ETFs and mutual funds based on the Advisor's proprietary strength criteria.
- Seeks to mitigate losses during market declines by moving from equity securities into money markets and short-term bonds, using the proprietary HCM-BuyLine® method.

#### Investment Methodology:

- Aims to achieve its investment objective through investments in:
  - (i) domestic equity securities of any market capitalization;
  - (ii) investment companies (mutual funds (including mutual funds that use leverage), closed-end funds and ETFs); and
  - (iii) cash and cash equivalents.
- Invests in equity securities of companies in sectors selected by the Adviser's proprietary quantitative model, which indicates which sectors are outperforming other sectors at any given time based on the Adviser's proprietary strength criteria.

There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives, generate returns, or avoid losses.



Class A Maximum Sales Charge 5.75%: The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund's total gross operating expenses would be 2.26% and 3.01% for the Fund's Class A, and Investor Class shares, respectively. The Fund's investment adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, at least until October 31, 2021, to ensure that the net annual fund operating expenses will not exceed 1.99% and 2.74% for the Fund's Class A, and Investor Class shares, respectively, subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years. Please review the fund's prospectus for more information regarding the fund's fees and expenses. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 855-969-8464. HFRX Equity Hedge (Total) Index - Equity Hedge: The HFRX Equity Hedge Index measures the performance of the hedge fund market. Equity hedge strategies maintain positions both long and short in primarily equity and equity derivative securities. \*S&P 500\*\* TR: Stock market that tracks the performance of top 500 large-cap U.S. companies. \*Risk and volatility measures explained - Alpha: Excess return of an investment relative to the return of a benchmark index. \*Beta:\* Measures the responsiveness of a stock's price to changes in the overall stock market. R\*: Indicates the percentage of variance from its expected return.

# Fund Holdings

As of December 31, 2027

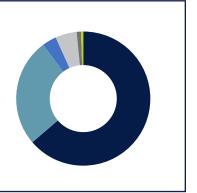
- ProShares Ultra S&P 500 (19.08%)
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- iShares Semiconductors ETF (13.34%)
- Vanguard Mega Cap Growth ETF (8.78%)
- Invesco QQQ Trust Series 1 (8.27%)
- iShares US Technology ETF (6.45%)
- ProShares Ultra Technology (5.22%)
- Vanguard Small-Cap Growth ETF (3.43%)
- Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund (3.31%)
- ProShares Ultra Semiconductors (3.27%)



### **Sector Weightings**

As of December 31, 2021

- Equity ETF Large Cap Blend (63.78%)
- Equity ETF Large Cap Growth (26.17%)
- Equity ETF Small Cap Growth (3.43%)
- Common Stocks (5.16%)
- Money Market Funds (1.04%)
- Equity ETF Broad Market Growth (0.54%)



Portfolio holdings and sector weightings are subject to change and should not be considered to be investment advice. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

**Fund Facts** 

Ticker: HCMGX As of December 31, 2021 CUSIP: 66538G866 Fund Type: Large Blend Number of Holdings: 37 Load Type: Class A Max Sales Charge: 5.75% Min. Initial Investment: \$2,500

**AUM:** \$1.09B

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