

**FACT SHEET** Dec 31, 2021

## Investor Shares **DGAGX** $\star$

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Investor

Shares

Class I

Class Y

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Class I DGIGX \*\*\*\*\*

Class Y DGYGX \*\*\*\*

Morningstar Rating™ based on risk-adjusted returns as of 12/31/2021 for the fund's Class Investor, I and Y shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Overall rating for the Large Blend category. Fund ratings are out of 5 stars: Overall 4 stars Class Investor and 5 stars Class I and Y (1244 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 5 stars Class Investor, I and Y (1244 funds rated); 5 Yrs. 5 stars Class Investor, I and Y (1109 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 3 stars Class Investor, I (extended rating) and Y (extended rating) (822 funds rated). Past performance is no guarantee of future results.\*

#### Growth of a \$10.000 \$800,000 Investment 05589Q100 A hypothetical \$10,000 \$622,149 -\$600,000 05589Q308 investment in the fund's 05589Q209 Investor Shares on \$400.000 1/18/84 would have Assets for the Fund been worth \$622,149 \$2,666,823,343 \$200,000 on 12/31/21. Holdings \$0 1/84 12/21 **Dividend Frequency** Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for the fund's other share classes would vary. Quarterly Historical Performance (CL.I @ NAV)<sup>3</sup> Morningstar Category 50% Large Blend 40% 35.50% 26.91% 27.34% Lipper Category 30% 24.30% 21.44% Large-Cap Core Funds 20% 10.18% 8.27% 7.32% 10% Sub-Adviser 0% FAYEZ SAROFIM & CO. -2.51% -10% -6.16% **Investment Adviser** -20% **BNY Mellon Investment** 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Adviser, Inc. Average Annual Total Returns (12/31/21) Share Class/Inception Date YTD 3 Yr 5 Yr 10 Yr 3 M 1 Yr Investor Shares (NAV) 01/18/84 10.86% 27.03% 27.03% 28.64% 20.34% 14.35% Class I (NAV) 08/31/16 10.97% 14.49% 27 34% 27 34% 28 96% 20.63% Class Y (NAV) 07/01/13 10.97% 27.40% 27.40% 29.04% 20.71% 14.66% S&P 500® Index<sup>4</sup> 28.71% 28.71% 11.03% 26.07% 18.47% 16.55% The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return

fluctuate, and an investor's shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance for periods less than 1 year is not annualized. Go to im.bnymellon.com for the fund's most recent month-end returns. Total Expense Ratios: Investor Shares 0.89%, Class I 0.66%, Class Y 0.59%. Not all classes of shares may be available to all investors or through all broker-dealer platforms.

<sup>1</sup>The total return performance figures for Class I and Y shares of the fund represent the performance of the fund's Investor Shares for periods prior to 8/31/16 and 7/1/13, the inception dates for Class I and Y shares, respectively, and the performance of Class I and Y, respectively, from those inception dates. Performance reflects the applicable class' distribution/servicing fees since the inception date. Investors should consider, when deciding whether to purchase a particular class of shares, the investment amount class restrictions, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. <sup>2</sup>Portfolio composition is as of 12/31/2021 and is subject to change at any time. <sup>3</sup>Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. <sup>4</sup>Source: FactSet. The S&P 500° Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

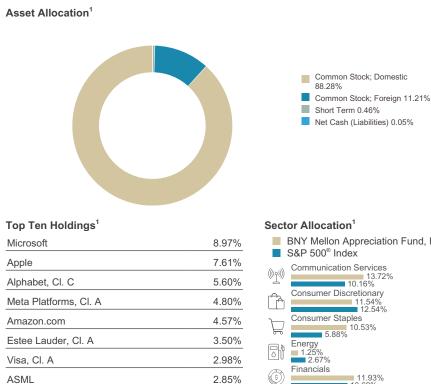


# BNY Mellon Appreciation Fund, Inc.

Investor Shares DGAGX

Class I DGIGX

Class Y DGYGX

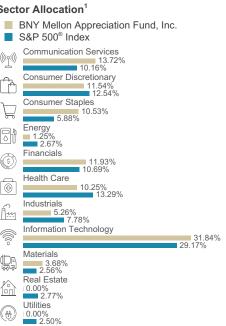


 Texas Instruments
 2.80%

 UnitedHealth Group
 2.79%

 The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell a security. Large concentrations can increase share

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## Goal/Approach

The fund seeks long-term capital growth consistent with the preservation of capital. Its secondary goal is current income. To pursue these goals, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stock. The fund focuses on "blue-chip" companies with total market capitalizations of more than \$5 billion at the time of purchase, including multinational companies.

### **Portfolio Management**

The fund's investment adviser is BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., and the fund's subinvestment adviser is Fayez Sarofim & Co. (Sarofim & Co.). The fund is managed by a team of portfolio managers employed by Sarofim & Co., consisting of Fayez Sarofim, Alan R. Christensen, CFA, Catherine Crain, Gentry Lee, Christopher Sarofim and Charles Sheedy. The team is supported by Sarofim & Co.'s Investment Committee, all the members of which are senior investment professionals at Sarofim & Co. The team members hold the following positions at Sarofim & Co.: Mr. Fayez Sarofim is Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Christensen is the President and Head of Investment Risk, Ms. Crain is a Vice President, Mr. Lee is Chief Executive Officer and Co-Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Christopher Sarofim is Vice Chairman, and Mr. Sheedy is a Senior Vice President. Messrs. Fayez Sarofim and Christopher Sarofim have been portfolio managers of the fund since December 1990 and October 2000, respectively. Mr. Christensen has been a portfolio manager of the fund since March 2020. Ms. Crain and Mr. Sheedy have been portfolio managers of the fund since October 2000. Mr. Lee has been a portfolio manager of the fund since November 2010.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of a mutual fund carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, or a summary prospectus, if available, that contains this and other information about a fund, contact your financial professional or visit im.bnymellon.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing. Investors should discuss with their financial professional the eligibility requirements for Class I and Y shares, which are available only to certain eligible investors, and the historical results achieved by the fund's respective share classes.

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\*Source: Morningstar. The Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> for funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products with at least a 3-year history. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance (not including the effects of sales charges, loads and redemption fees if applicable), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Managed products, including open-end mutual funds, closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds, are considered a single population for comparative purposes. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. ©2022 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results**. The fund represents a single portfolio with multiple share classes that have different expense structures. Other share classes may have achieved different results. Rating do not reduce investment risk and are subject to change.

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Risks: Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, among other factors, to varying degrees. Investing in foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities involves special risks, including changes in currency exchange rates, political, economic, and social instability, limited company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and less market liquidity. These risks generally are greater with emerging market countries. Recent market risks include pandemic risks related to COVID-19. The effects of COVID-19 have contributed to increased volatility in global markets and will likely affect certain countries, companies, industries and market sectors more dramatically than others. To the extent the fund may overweight its investments in certain countries, companies, industries or market sectors, such positions will increase the fund's exposure to risk of loss from adverse developments affecting those countries, companies, industries or sectors.

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