

# **Parnassus Core Equity Fund**

#### Fourth Quarter 2021

#### Strategy

The Parnassus Core Equity Fund invests with low turnover and high conviction in approximately 40 holdings. The Fund focuses on identifying high-quality companies with:

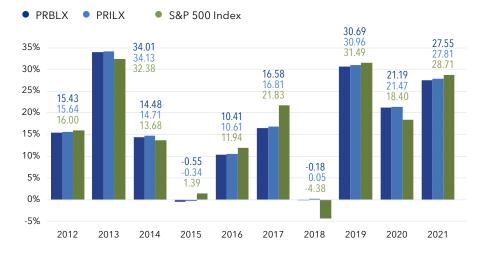
- Wide moats or strong competitive advantages that protect market share and profitability
- Relevancy over the long term, which provides a compounding growth component
- Quality management teams that will act in the best interests of shareholders
- Favorable three-year investment horizon

The Fund strives to outperform the S&P 500 Index on a risk-adjusted basis with a high active share. The Fund attempts to mitigate risk from losses during bear markets, while offering the potential for significant upside participation during bull markets.

### Total Returns (%)1

As of 12/31/21	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
PRBLX	10.74	27.55	27.55	26.41	18.64	16.41
PRILX	10.79	27.81	27.81	26.69	18.90	16.64
S&P 500 Index	11.03	28.71	28.71	26.07	18.47	16.55

### Annual Returns (%)



Fund Facts	Investor Shares	Institutiona Shares	
Ticker	PRBLX	PRILX	
Minimum Investment	\$2,000	\$100,000	
Gross Expense Ratio	0.84%	0.62%	
Net Expense Ratio	0.84%	0.62%	
Inception Date	8/31/92	4/28/06	
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly		
Total Net Assets	\$32.3 B		
Category	U.S. Large Blend		
Benchmark	S&P 500 I	S&P 500 Index	
		S&P 500	
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Fund Characteristics	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$510.4 B	\$674.3 B
P/E Ratio	31.2x	25.5x
P/B Ratio	5.7x	4.6x
Active Share	76.3%	-
Number of Holdings	38	505
Portfolio Turnover (2021 Annual)	25.8%	-

#### Morningstar Ratings™

PRBLX Overall Star Rating™*	****
PRILX Overall Star Rating™*	****
Analyst Rating™	<b>₩</b> Gold

Sustainability Rating™\*\*

\*Overall rating based on risk-adjusted returns out of 1,244 Large Blend funds as of 12/31/21. \*\*Sustainability Rating as of 11/30/21 out of 3,355 US Equity Large Cap Blend funds. The Morningstar Rating is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance.

### Ownership Zone



<sup>1</sup>All returns greater than one year are annualized.

Performance data quoted represent past performance and are no guarantee of future returns. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted, and most recent month-end and quarter-end performance is available on the Parnassus website, <a href="https://www.parnassus.com">www.parnassus.com</a>. Investment return and principal will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original principal cost.

As of 12/31/21, the Parnassus Core Equity Fund was rated against the following numbers of Large Blend Funds based on risk-adjusted returns over the following time periods: 1,244 funds in the last three years, 1,109 funds in the last five years and 822 funds in the last 10 years. With respect to these Large Blend funds, the Parnassus Core Equity Fund – Investor Share class received a Morningstar Rating of 5, 5 and 5 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. The Parnassus Core Equity Fund – Institutional Share Class received a Morningstar rating of 5, 5 and 5 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively based on risk-adjusted returns.

Risks: The Fund's share price may change daily based on the value of its security holdings. Stock markets can be volatile, and stock values fluctuate in response to the asset levels of individual companies and in response to general U.S. and international market and economic conditions. In addition to large cap companies, the Fund may invest in small and/or mid cap companies, which can be more volatile than large cap firms. Security holdings in the fund can vary significantly from broad market indexes.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES: The Fund evaluates financially material ESG factors as part of the investment decision-making process, considering a range of impacts they may have on future revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities and overall risk. The Fund also utilizes active ownership to encourage more sustainable business policies and practices and greater ESG transparency. Active ownership strategies include proxy voting, dialogue with company management and sponsorship of shareholder resolutions, and public policy advocacy. There is no guarantee that the ESG strategy will be successful.

Fund Statistics (5Y)	Investor Shares	Institutional Shares	Index
Alpha	2.32%	2.56%	_
Beta	0.87	0.87	1.00
R-Squared	0.95	0.95	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.29	1.31	1.14
Standard Deviation	13.71%	13.71%	15.39%
Upside Capture	91.43%	92.02%	100%
Downside Capture	82.85%	82.41%	100%

## **Meet the Portfolio Managers**

Todd A. Ahlsten			
CIO, Portfolio Manager			
2001-Present			
• 27 years in the industry			

**Benjamin E. Allen** CEO, Portfolio Manager 2012-Present

- 23 years in the industry
- With firm since 2005

Andrew Choi Portfolio Manager 2022–Present

- 5 years in the industry
- With firm since 2018

#### **Parnassus Overview**

• With firm since 1995

At Parnassus Investments, we invest responsibly to build wealth for our clients. We select businesses that we believe have increasingly relevant products or services, sustainable competitive advantages and quality management teams for our high-conviction portfolios. Every investment we make must meet rigorous fundamental and environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

## Ten Largest Holdings<sup>2</sup>

Microsoft Corp.	6.8%
Alphabet Inc., Class A	5.7%
Fiserv Inc.	4.1%
CME Group Inc., Class A	4.0%
Danaher Corp.	3.9%
Mastercard Inc., Class A	3.6%
Comcast Corp., Class A	3.3%
S&P Global Inc.	3.3%
Linde plc	3.3%
The Charles Schwab Corp.	3.3%
Total	41.3%

Sector Weighting <sup>2</sup>	Fund	Index	
Information Technology	32%	29%	
Communication Services	11%	10%	
Healthcare	10%	13%	
Financials	10%	11%	
Industrials	10%	8%	
Consumer Staples	9%	6%	
Real Estate	6%	3%	
Consumer Discretionary	6%	12%	
Materials	5%	3%	
Energy	0%	3%	
Utilities	0%	2%	
Short-Term Investments	1%	0%	

 $And rew\ Choi\ was\ named\ a\ portfolio\ manager\ of\ the\ Core\ Equity\ Fund\ as\ of\ January\ 3,\ 2022.$ 

Upside Capture: A measure of managers' performance in up markets relative to the market itself. An up market is one in which the market's monthly return is greater than or equal to zero. The higher the manager's up-market capture ratio, the better the manager capitalized on a rising market. Downside Capture: A measure of managers' performance in down markets relative to the market itself. A down market is one in which the market's monthly return is less than zero. The lower the manager's down-market capture ratio, the better the manager protected capital during a market decline. Average Weighted Market Cap is the average capitalization of all stocks in the portfolio, weighted by each holding's size in the portfolio. Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio is a ratio of a stock's current price to its per-share earnings over the past 12 months. Price/Book (P/B) Ratio is the ratio of a stock's latest closing price divided by its book value per share. Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. A beta over 1.00 suggests that the share price will typically be more volatile than the market. R-Squared is a measurement of how closely the portfolio's performance correlates with the performance of a benchmark index such as the S&P 500 Index. Standard Deviation is a calculation used to measure risk-adjusted performance. It is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns. Active Share measures the percentage amount your portfolio differs from a passive benchmark.

Prior to March 31, 1998, the Parnassus Core Equity Fund was a balanced fund. Returns shown for the fund do not reflect the declaration of taxes a shareholder would pay on the fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. The Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (the S&P 500 Index) and the Russell 1000 Index are widely recognized indexes of common stock prices. An individual cannot invest directly in an index. An index reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes. The **S&P 500 Index** is a product of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC and/or its affiliates and has been licensed for use by Parnassus Investments. Copyright © 2022 by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a subsidiary of McGraw-Hill Financial, Inc., and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. Redistribution, reproduction and/or photocopying in whole or in part are prohibited without written permission of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. For more information on any of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC so we service that it purpors to represent the are reserved. Redistribution, reproduction and/or photocopying in whole or in part are prohibited without written permission of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Neither S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC so we service and Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC. Heir affiliates nor their third party licensors make any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the ability of any index to accurately represent the asset class or market sector that it purports to represent and neither S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC, their affiliates nor their third party licensors shall have any liability for any errors, omissions, or interruptions of any index or the data included therein.

The Morningstar Rating of funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual 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 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 three, five, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns, 80% five-year rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Morningstar Sustainability Rating is a measure of how well the portfolio holdings are managing their ESG Risk relative to the portfolio's Global Category peer group. The Morningstar Historical Sustainability Score is a weighted average of the trailing 12 months of Morningstar Portfolio Sustainability Score is a weighted more heavily than older portfolios. Based on their Morningstar Historical Sustainability Rating is depicted by globe icons where High equals 5 globes and Low equals 1 globe. Morningstar updates its Sustainability Rating score, funds are assigned absolute category and percent ranks within their Morningstar Global Categories. Higher ratings are better and indicate that a fund has, on average, more of its assests invested

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Percent based on total net assets as of 12/31/21.