



# DECEMBER 31, 2021

## Ariel International Fund



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### About the Fund

The Fund pursues long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in companies outside the U.S., in developed international markets.

### Fund facts

Investment style	International all cap intrinsic value
Assets	\$763.2 million
Average market cap (\$ weighted)*	\$76.73 billion
Number of holdings	55

\* Market capitalization is a dollar-weighted average. Source: FactSet.

### Fund details

	Investor Class	Institutional Class
Inception date	12/30/11	12/30/11
Ticker symbol	AINTX	AINIX
Cusip	040337883	040337875
Minimum initial investment	\$1,000	\$1,000,000
Expense ratio cap*	1.13%	0.88%
Gross expense ratio**	1.30%	0.93%

\* Currently, expense ratio caps of 1.13% for the Investor Class and 0.88% for the Institutional Class are in place to waive fees and reimburse certain expenses that exceed these caps. Ariel Investments, LLC (the Adviser) is contractually obligated to maintain these expense ratio caps through 9/30/23.

\*\*As of 9/30/21. The Gross expense ratio for the fiscal year ended 9/30/20 was 1.33% for the Investor Class and 0.96% for the Institutional Class.

### Our patient investment philosophy

Ariel Investments is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in New York, San Francisco, and Sydney. We serve individual and institutional investors through our no-load mutual funds and separate accounts. As of December 31, 2021, firm-wide assets under management are \$18.3 billion.\* Since our founding in 1983, we have been disciplined, long-term investors. This defining characteristic is the cornerstone of our investment philosophy, and symbolized by our turtle logo and the firm's motto, "Slow and steady wins the race."

#### Patience

We take the long-term view.

#### Independence

We invest to our convictions, not to benchmarks.

#### Expertise

We specialize in bottom-up, fundamental research.

#### Teamwork

We work collaboratively with a shared commitment to excellence.

\*Assets include \$873.7 million in assets from Ariel Alternatives, a subsidiary of Ariel Investments.

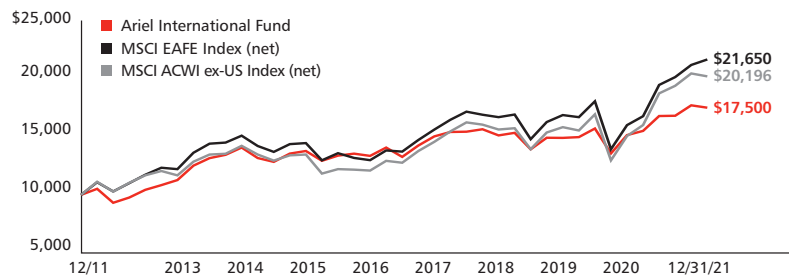
### Ariel International Fund performance (%) as of 12/31/21

	Annualized					
	Quarter	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since incept.
Ariel International Fund Investor Class	3.55	4.26	7.92	5.69	5.76	5.75
Ariel International Fund Institutional Class	3.68	4.55	8.22	5.97	6.02	6.01
MSCI EAFE Index (net) <sup>1</sup>	2.69	11.26	13.54	9.55	8.03	8.03
MSCI ACWI ex-US Index (net) <sup>1</sup>	1.82	7.82	13.18	9.61	7.28	7.28

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. All performance assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. 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. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To access performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit [arielinvestments.com](http://arielinvestments.com). Any extraordinary performance shown for short-term periods may not be sustainable and is not representative of the performance over longer periods. The total returns reflect that certain fees and expenses have been waived or reduced by the Adviser.

<sup>1</sup> MSCI EAFE Index is an unmanaged, market weighted index of companies in developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex-US Index is an unmanaged, market weighted index of global developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. Net returns for both indices reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings, including the dividends net of the maximum withholding tax applicable to non-resident institutional investors that do not benefit from double taxation treaties. MSCI uses the maximum tax rate applicable to institutional investors, as determined by the companies' country of incorporation. Source: MSCI. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used to create indices or financial products. This report is not approved or produced by MSCI.

### Growth of a \$10,000 investment since inception (Investor Class)



Note: The graph and performance table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

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## Sector weightings<sup>^ †</sup> (%)

	Ariel International Fund	MSCI EAFE Index	MSCI ACWI ex-US Index
Health Care	18.83	12.78	9.39
Consumer Staples	15.24	10.33	8.57
Financials	14.56	16.93	19.18
Communication Services	14.47	4.51	6.14
Consumer Discretionary	13.05	12.53	12.14
Utilities	10.64	3.38	3.11
Information Technology	3.56	9.67	13.58
Industrials	2.39	16.16	12.61
Energy	0.46	3.37	4.79
Real Estate	0.10	2.80	2.40
Materials	0.00	7.55	8.08

## Top ten companies\* (% of net assets)

1. Roche Holding AG	8.3
2. Deutsche Boerse AG	7.4
3. GlaxoSmithKline plc	6.1
4. Philip Morris Intl, Inc.	5.9
5. Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	5.7
6. Michelin (CGDE)	5.5
7. Nintendo Co., Ltd.	4.8
8. Snam SpA	4.4
9. Endesa SA	4.2
10. Baidu, Inc.	3.9

## Top ten countries<sup>^</sup> (%)

1. Japan	16.33
2. Germany	12.13
3. United Kingdom	9.77
4. Switzerland	9.68
5. France	7.94
6. United States	6.71
7. Netherlands	5.67
8. Italy	5.09
9. China	4.77
10. Spain	4.68

\* For the purposes of determining the fund's top ten securities of the same issuer are aggregated and if held as depositary receipts it is not so specified. This list excludes ETFs.

## Market cap exposure\* (%)

	Ariel International Fund	MSCI EAFE Index	Difference
Large capitalization	88.2	78.5	9.7
Medium capitalization	6.8	21.5	- 14.7
Small capitalization	5.0	0.0	5.0

\*Market cap exposure (%). Source: FactSet.

## Fund characteristics

	Ariel International Fund	MSCI EAFE Index
Return on equity (5 year avg) <sup>a</sup>	19.0	16.5
Debt/equity <sup>b</sup>	0.46	0.68
Active share <sup>c</sup>	91	N/A
One-year turnover <sup>d</sup>	29%	N/A
Tracking error <sup>e</sup>	7.20	N/A

## Contributors\*

	% of portfolio	% return
GlaxoSmithKline plc	6.1	+ 16.43
Roche Holding AG	8.3	+ 13.50
Endesa SA	4.2	+ 16.06
Nokia Corp.**	2.5	+ 14.83
Snam SpA	4.4	+ 8.43

## Detractors\*

	% of portfolio	% return
Bridgestone Corp.	3.0	- 8.31
Nintendo Co., Ltd.	4.8	- 4.60
Subaru Corp.	3.6	- 4.11
Baidu, Inc.***	3.9	- 3.23
Telefonica Deutschland Holding	3.6	- 2.56

\* The return represents the total return during the quarter of each stock for the period held in the portfolio. The holdings shown do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for investors. The contributors and detractors are ranked by the total effect on the portfolio of each equity holding. The total effect represents the opportunity cost of an investment manager's investment decisions relative to the overall benchmark. Source: FactSet.

\*\* The return(s) of the following issuer(s) consist of a blended return of multiple securities of the issuer(s): Nokia Corp.: Nokia Corp. +14.93 and Nokia Corp. ADR +14.13.

\*\*\*Securities of this issuer are only held in the form of ADRs.

<sup>(a)</sup> A measure of profitability of companies held in the Fund that reveals how much profit the companies generate with the money shareholders have invested. Source: FactSet. <sup>(b)</sup> A measure of financial leverage of companies held in the Fund calculated by dividing total liabilities by stockholders' equity. It indicates what proportion of equity and debt the companies are using to finance assets. Source: FactSet. <sup>(c)</sup> A measure of the degree of active management by a portfolio manager. Source: FactSet. Characteristics a-c exclude ETFs. <sup>(d)</sup> Turnover is for the trailing 1 year period. Source: Northern Trust. <sup>(e)</sup> A standard deviation percentage differentiating the returns of the stocks in the Fund and the returns of the stocks in the Fund's benchmark over the trailing 3 year period. It is a measure of volatility of the Fund as compared to its benchmark. Source: FactSet SPAR.

<sup>^</sup> Sector and country weightings are calculated based on equity holdings as a percentage of total net assets.

<sup>†</sup> These sectors are the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS") sector classifications. GICS was developed by and is the exclusive property and a service mark of MSCI Inc. ("MSCI") and Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P") and is licensed for use by Ariel Investments, LLC. Neither MSCI, S&P nor any third party involved in making or compiling the GICS or any GICS classifications makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such standard or classification (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and all such parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any of such standard or classification. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall MSCI, S&P, any of their affiliates or any third party involved in making or compiling the GICS or any GICS classifications have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

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