Class A **DQIAX** ★★★★

Class C DQICX

Class I DQIRX ★★★★

Class Y **DQIYX** ★★★★

Morningstar Rating™ based on risk-adjusted returns as of 3/31/2022 for the fund's Class A, I and Y shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Overall rating for the Large Value category. Fund ratings are out of 5 stars: Overall 4 stars Class A, I and Y (1146 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 4 stars Class A, I and Y (1047 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 4 stars Class A, I and Y (extended rating) (770 funds rated). Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

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05588E801 Class C 05588E702 Class I 05588E603 Class Y 05588E207

Assets for the Fund \$1,075,157,414

Holdings²

Dividend Frequency Monthly

Morningstar Category Large Value

Lipper CategoryEquity Income Funds

Sub-Adviser



Investment Adviser BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.

Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.

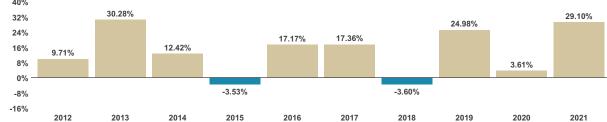
Growth of a \$10,000 Investment

A hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's Class A shares on 7/5/06 would have been worth \$39,007 on 3/31/22.



This does not reflect the 5.75% maximum front-end sales load applicable to Class A shares which, if reflected, would have lowered performance. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for the fund's other share classes would vary.

Historical Performance (CL.I @ NAV)³



Average Annual Total Returns (3/31/22)¹

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|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share Class/Inception Date | 3 M | YTD | 1 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr |
| Class A (NAV) 07/05/06 | 0.33% | 0.33% | 19.38% | 14.79% | 12.16% | 11.99% |
| Class A (5.75% max. load) | -5.45% | -5.45% | 12.52% | 12.54% | 10.84% | 11.33% |
| Class C (NAV) 07/05/06 | 0.13% | 0.13% | 18.52% | 13.92% | 11.32% | 11.16% |
| Class C (1.00% max. CDSC) | -0.87% | -0.87% | 17.52% | 13.92% | 11.32% | 11.16% |
| Class I (NAV) 07/05/06 | 0.40% | 0.40% | 19.73% | 15.07% | 12.44% | 12.28% |
| Class Y (NAV) 07/01/13 | 0.41% | 0.41% | 19.75% | 15.09% | 12.52% | 12.34% |
| S&P 500® Index ⁴ | -4 60% | -4 60% | 15 65% | 18 92% | 15 99% | 14 64% |

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.nymellon.com for the fund's most recent month-end returns. The net expense ratio(s) reflect a contractual expense reduction agreement through 9/30/2022, without which, the returns would have been lower. Total Expense Ratios: Class A 1.08%, Class C 1.82%, Class I 0.81%, Class Y 0.76%. Net Expense Ratios: Class A 1.03%, Class C 1.78%, Class I 0.78%, Class Y 0.76%. Not all classes of shares may be available to all investors or through all broker-dealer platforms.

¹The total return performance figures for Class Y shares of the fund represent the performance of the fund's Class A shares for periods prior to 7/1/2013, the inception date for Class Y shares, and the performance of Class Y from that inception date. 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, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. ²Portfolio composition is as of 3/3/1/2022 and is subject to change at any time. ³Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. ⁴Source: 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. "Newton" and/or the "Newton Investment Management Limited. Newton is incorporated in the United Kingdom and is authorized and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the conduct of investment business. Newton is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment adviser. Newton is a subsidiary of The

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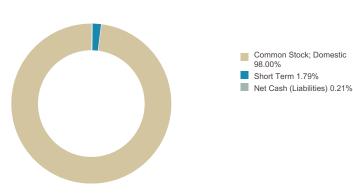
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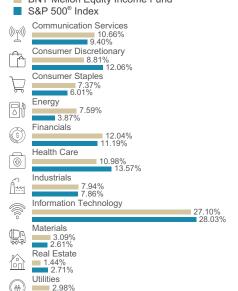


Top Ten Holdings¹

| Apple | 6.87% |
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| Microsoft | 6.58% |
| Broadcom | 3.67% |
| Amazon.com | 3.53% |
| AbbVie | 3.18% |
| Nvidia | 2.99% |
| Altria Group | 2.86% |
| Philip Morris International | 2.84% |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb | 2.80% |
| Verizon Communications | 2.56% |

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

Sector Allocation^{1,2} BNY Mellon Equity Income Fund



Goal/Approach

The fund seeks total return (consisting of capital appreciation and income). This objective may be changed by the fund's board, upon 60 days' prior notice to shareholders.

To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities. The fund seeks to focus on dividend-paying stocks and other investments and investment techniques that provide income.

Portfolio Management

The fund's investment adviser is BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. (BNYM Investment Adviser). BNYM Investment Adviser has engaged its affiliate, Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (Newton), to serve as the fund's sub-investment adviser. Investment decisions for the fund are made by investment professionals employed by Newton. The fund's primary portfolio manager is Peter D. Goslin, CFA. Mr. Goslin has been the primary portfolio manager of the fund since February 2015. Mr. Goslin is a portfolio manager at Newton.

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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Risks: Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, among other factors, to varying degrees. 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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