# TOCQUEVILLE FUND



March 31, 2022

#### **FUND STRATEGY**

The Fund uses a bottom-up selection process based on fundamental security analysis, and does not try to replicate a benchmark. The approach is contrarian and value oriented. The Fund seeks to find securities that are depressed in price, out of favor with investors, and trading at a substantial discount to intrinsic value. The portfolio manager emphasizes free cash flow generation, balance sheet quality, and the fundamental strength of a business franchise as attributes to identify the most attractive risk/reward propositions across all market capitalizations. The Fund focuses primarily on the securities of U.S. issuers, but frequently invests in non-U.S. issuers. The portfolio will typically contain 60-80 positions.

## PERFORMANCE

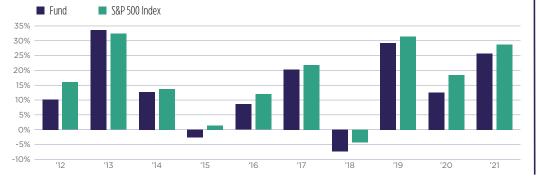
Average Annual Returns as of 03/31/22

	3 Month	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Fund	-1.19%	-1.19%	16.15%	17.14%	13.98%	12.51%
S&P 500 Index	-4.60%	-4.60%	15.65%	18.92%	15.99%	14.64%

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. 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. The performance assumes reinvestment of capital gains and dividends. Fund performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 1-800-697-3863 or visiting www.tocquevillefunds.com.

^The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive management fees and/or reimburse expenses in order to ensure that the Fund's expense ratio does not exceed 1.25% (excluding taxes, interest expense, acquired fund fees and expenses, or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) until at least 3/1/2023. In the absence of these fee waivers, total returns would be lower.

## Calendar Year Returns



# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Tocqueville Fund's investment objective is longterm capital appreciation.

## **FUND FACTS**

Symbol:	TOCQX	
Cusip:	888894102	
Dividend Policy:	Annual	
Minimum Investment:	\$1,000 (\$250 IRA)	
Total Fund Assets:	\$310.3 million	
Gross Annual Fund Operating Expenses:	1.34%	
Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement:	-0.09%	
Annual Fund Operating Expenses after	1.25%	
Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement:	1.23/0	
Sales Charge:	None	
Inception Date:	1/13/1987	
Manager's Tenure:	29 Years	
Morningstar Category:	Large Blend	

# **ASSET ALLOCATION**

	% of Net Assets
Equities:	97.46%
Real Estate Investment Trust:	2.44%
Cash Equivalents, Other Assets, and Receivables:	0.10%

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Total # Holdings:	53
P/E:	21.1x
Weighted Median Market Cap:	\$166.4 B
Weighted Avg. Market Cap:	\$460.9 B
Turnover Ratio:	4%

#### QUARTERLY UPDATE

- Equity markets fell in the first quarter amid inflation risks, rising short term interest rates, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. However, nearly full employment, high consumer net worth, fading concerns around COVID and improving supply chains all give reasons for optimism. The flattening yield curve has led some to worry about a recession, a fear we do not share.
- The Fund lost -1.19% after fees during the period, outperforming the S&P 500 which lost -4.60% and trailing the Russell 1000 Value and Russell 3000 Value which lost -0.74% and -0.85%, respectively. The sectors making the biggest contribution were materials, energy and financials while the weakest were information technology, healthcare and communications services.
- The top individual names were Chevron, Nutrien, Deere, Halliburton and Diamondback Energy while the laggards were Applied Materials, Qualcomm, Pfizer, NextEra and Abbott Laboratories.
- The Fund added Activision Blizzard, the video game company, whose shares had been hurt by allegations of a toxic work culture. In January, Microsoft announced plans to acquire the company. We believe regulators are unlikely to block the merger, and if they do, we expect the company will repair its reputation and its gaming franchises should prove durable.
- Another purchase was Halliburton, a leading provider of field services and products to the oil and gas industry. Under-investment by oil and gas producers, along with sanctions against Russia, have left the industry unable to meet demand. Therefore, we expect the next capital investment cycle should benefit Halliburton.
- A variety of positions were reduced or eliminated as they approached valuation targets or due to changes in circumstances, including Apple, Applied Materials, Berkshire Hathaway, Delta, Intel, Nvidia and Pfizer.
- · Containing inflation is no easy task, and the Fed faces significant risks in acting too aggressively. As ever, we continue to seek value wherever we may find it.

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# SECTOR ALLOCATION % OF EQUITIES





# TOP TEN HOLDINGS

#### % OF NET ASSETS

NextEra Energy, Inc.	4.09%
Microsoft Corp.	3.97%
Apple, Inc.	3.94%
Alphabet, Inc Class A	3.59%
Pfizer, Inc.	3.17%
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.15%
NVIDIA Corp.	3.08%
Applied Materials, Inc.	2.97%
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	2.93%
The Charles Schwab Corp.	2.72%
Total	33.61%

Fund holdings and sector weightings are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Holdings are based on percent of net assets.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER



Robert Kleinschmidt, CFA, is the President and Chief Investment Officer of Tocqueville Asset Management and has been portfolio manager of the Tocqueville Fund since 1992. He

previously held executive positions at the investment management firm David J. Greene & Co. Mr. Kleinschmidt has a BBA from the University of Wisconsin, an MA from the University of Massachusetts and continued post graduate work in Economics at Columbia University. Mr. Kleinschmidt also holds the CFA designation.

Investors should carefully consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectus which should be considered carefully before investing.

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#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

P/E: The weighted average of the price/earnings (P/E) ratios of the equity securities referenced. The P/E ratio is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by the trailing earnings per share for the past 12 months.

The S&P 500 Index is a market-value weighted index consisting of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Morningstar Large-Blend Portfolios are fairly representative of the overall U.S. stock market in size, growth rates, and price. Stocks in the top 70% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as large-cap. The blend style is assigned to portfolios where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate.

#### DISCLOSURES

Mutual Fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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