

Ariel Focus Fund





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About the Fund

The Fund pursues long-term capital appreciation by investing in companies of any size.

Fund facts

| Investment style | All cap traditional value |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Assets | \$61.0 million |
| Average market cap (\$ weighted)** | \$47.25 billion |
| Number of holdings | 28 |
| One-year turnover [‡] | 30% |
| Discount to PMV [‡] | -36.6% |

^{**} Market capitalization is a dollar-weighted average. Source: FactSet.

Fund details

| | Investor Class | Institutional Class |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Inception date | 06/30/05 | 12/30/11 |
| Ticker symbol | ARFFX | AFOYX |
| Cusip | 04035F107 | 040337826 |
| Minimum initial investment | \$1,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Expense ratio cap*** | 1.00% | 0.75% |
| Gross expense ratio*** | 1.20% | 0.86% |

^{****} As of 9/30/21. Currently, expense ratio caps of 1.00% for the Investor Class and 0.75% 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.

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 June 30, 2022, firm-wide assets under management are \$16.1 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 Expertise

We take the long-term view. We specialize in bottom-up, fundamental research.

Independence Teamwo

We invest to our convictions, not We work collaboratively with a shared to benchmarks. We work collaboratively with a shared commitment to excellence.

*Assets under management as of June 30, 2022 include \$1.18 billion for Ariel Alternatives, a subsidiary of Ariel Investments, which reflects aggregate commitments and excludes fund specific leverage.

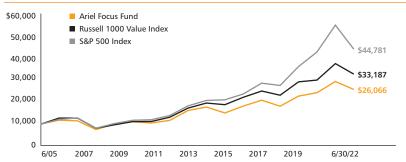
Ariel Focus Fund performance (%) as of 6/30/22

| | | | Annualized | | | |
|------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|--------|---------|---------------|
| | Quarter | 1-year | 3-year | 5-year | 10-year | Since incept. |
| Ariel Focus Fund Investor Class | -15.74 | -12.39 | 6.76 | 5.95 | 8.93 | 5.80 |
| Ariel Focus Fund Institutional Class§ | -15.67 | -12.15 | 7.04 | 6.22 | 9.21 | 5.96 |
| Russell 1000® Value Index^ | -12.21 | -6.82 | 6.87 | 7.17 | 10.50 | 7.31 |
| S&P 500® Index^ | -16.10 | -10.62 | 10.60 | 11.31 | 12.96 | 9.22 |

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. 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.

^ The Russell 1000® Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios, lower forecasted growth values and lower sales per share historical growth. The inception date of this benchmark is January 1, 1987. The S&P 500® Index is widely regarded as the best gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. It includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available U.S. market capitalization. Russell® is a trademark of London Stock Exchange Group, which is the source and owner of the Russell Indexes' trademarks, service marks and copyrights. Neither Russell nor its licensors accept any liability for any errors or omissions in the Russell Indexes or underlying data and no party may rely on any Russell Indexes and/ or underlying data contained in this communication. No further distribution of Russell data is permitted without Russell's express written consent. Russell does not promote, sponsor or endorse the content of this communication.

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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Top ten equity holdings (% of net assets)

| 1. | APA Corp. | 6.3 | 6. | Lockheed Martin Corp. | 5.0 |
|----|---------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| 2. | Mosaic Co. | 5.6 | 7. | Northern Trust Corp. | 4.6 |
| 3. | Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. | 5.6 | 8. | Snap-on, Inc. | 4.5 |
| 4. | BOK Financial Corp. | 5.2 | 9. | Mohawk Industries, Inc. | 4.3 |
| 5. | BorgWarner, Inc. | 5.1 | 10. | Resideo Technologies, Inc. | 4.1 |

Industry weightings (%)1

| | Ariel Focus Fund | Russell 1000 Value Index | S&P 500 Index |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Financials | 25.27 | 18.78 | 10.46 |
| Industrials | 23.09 | 12.27 | 12.18 |
| Health Care | 15.34 | 16.27 | 14.40 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 13.34 | 9.51 | 13.69 |
| Basic Materials | 9.04 | 3.15 | 1.88 |
| Energy | 6.26 | 7.30 | 4.48 |
| Technology | 3.58 | 8.85 | 27.38 |
| Consumer Staples | 2.26 | 7.39 | 6.32 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 6.20 | 3.37 |
| Real Estate | 0.00 | 5.20 | 2.92 |
| Telecommunications | 0.00 | 5.07 | 2.91 |

^{*}Industry weightings are calculated based on equity holdings as a percentage of total net assets.

¹Holdings are categorized according to the Russell Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB). Holdings not classified by ICB are categorized according to FactSet classification. Source: FactSet.

Market cap exposure** (%)

| | Russell categories | Ariel Focus Fund | Russell 1000 Value Index | Difference |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Large capitalization | >\$143.32 billion | 7.8 | 36.0 | - 28.2 |
| Medium/large capitalization | \$37.38-\$143.32 billion | 10.7 | 30.7 | - 20.0 |
| Medium capitalization | \$11.98-\$37.38 billion | 29.6 | 21.3 | 8.3 |
| Medium/small capitalization | \$4.04-\$11.98 billion | 34.1 | 10.9 | 23.2 |
| Small capitalization | <\$4.04 billion | 17.8 | 1.1 | 16.7 |

^{**} Market cap exposure (%). Source: FactSet.

Fund characteristics[‡]

| | Ariel Focus Fund | Russell 1000 Value Index |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Forward price/earnings | 8.6 | 12.7 |
| LT estimated earnings growth | 4.6 | 8.4 |
| Interest coverage ratio | 9.5 | 7.0 |

Contributors²

| | % of portfolio | | return |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|--------|
| Lockheed Martin Corp. | 5.0 | - | 1.97 |
| Mohawk Industries, Inc. | 4.3 | _ | 0.09 |
| Snap-on, Inc. | 4.5 | _ | 3.48 |
| Lazard Ltd., Class A | 3.4 | _ | 4.71 |
| J.M. Smucker Co. | 2.2 | _ | 4.82 |

Detractors²

| | % of portfolio | % return |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Madison Square Garden Ent. Corp. | 3.2 | - 36.84 |
| Mosaic Co. | 5.6 | - 28.80 |
| ZimVie, Inc. | 2.7 | - 29.90 |
| Barrick Gold Corp. | 3.5 | – 27.19 |
| BOK Financial Corp. | 5.2 | - 19.05 |

²Holdings of the same issuer are aggregated and if held as depositary receipts it is not so specified. To determine the Fund's Top 10 Positions, holdings are ranked by issuer Ending Weight (% of net assets). To determine the Fund's Contributors and Detractors, holdings are ranked by issuer total effect and isolated to securities held in the portfolio. The holdings shown do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for investors. Source: FactSet.

Ariel Focus Fund is a non-diversified fund and therefore may be subject to greater volatility than a more diversified investment. The Fund is often concentrated in fewer sectors than its benchmarks, and its performance may suffer if these sectors underperform the overall stock market. The intrinsic value of the stocks in which the Fund invests may never be recognized by the broader market. Investing in small cap and mid-cap stocks is more risky and more volatile than investing in large cap stocks. Investing in equity stocks is risky and subject to the volatility of the markets.

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[§] The inception date for the Institutional Class shares is December 30, 2011. Performance information for the Institutional Class prior to that date reflects the actual performance of the Fund's Investor Class (and uses the actual expenses of the Fund's Investor Class, for such period of time), without any adjustments. For any such period of time, the performance of the Fund's Institutional Class would have been substantially similar to, yet higher than, the performance of the Fund's Investor Class, because the shares of both classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes bear different expenses, which are primarily differences in distribution and service fees.

^{*} Ending Weight is the value of the position relative to the Fund's total assets as of the report date. Average Weight is the average value of the position relative to the Fund's total assets over the period. Forward price to earnings, a valuation measure, is the price as of the report date divided by the mean earnings per share (EPS) consensus estimate for the next twelve months as of the run date. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted harmonic average. LT Estimated Earnings Growth, an income statement measure, is the percent growth rate of the median earnings per share (EPS) consensus estimate for the unreported current year, current year+1, current year+2, and current year+3 as of the run date. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using weighted average. Interest Coverage Ratio, a liquidity measure, represents the ratio of earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) relative to the interest expense for the period. Holdings categorized as Financials by the Russell Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) are excluded from the portfolio summary statistic. The holdings are summarized at the portfolio level using median. Source: FactSet. Discount to PMV is the percentage discount at which the portfolio traded relative to our portfolio holdings' estimate of private market value (PMV). The estimate of private market value (PMV) is determined by Ariel Investments. Turnover, a measure of portfolio change, is the lesser of purchases or sales divided by the average value of Fund assets over the trailing one-year period as of the report date. Source: Northern Trust.