# HCM Dividend Sector Plus Fund



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#### **Fund Overview**

**Objective:** The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

#### **Key Features:**

- Selects dividend paying stocks from each of the S&P500 and other investment companies, and screens them for earnings growth.
- Uses trend analysis to allocate investments between stocks and cash to mitigate risk.
- Ability to leverage up to 33.3% of the portfolio.
- Seeks to mitigate losses during times of market distress with the help of its proprietary HCM Buy-Line® investment model.

#### Investment Methodology:

- Aims to achieve its investment objective through investments in:
  - dividend paying equity securities of companies included in the S&P 500 TR Index;
  - "plus" other investment companies (mutual funds, closed-end funds and ETF's), including investment companies that use leverage; and
- cash and cash equivalents.
- Invests in S&P 500 companies that are paying the highest dividend yields in each of the 10 major S&P 500 industry sectors.

There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives, generate returns, or avoid losses.

## M∕RNINGSTAR ★★★

HCM Dividend Sector Plus Fund received a 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>, a 4-Star Morningstar Rating for the three year period, and a 3-Star Morningstar Rating for the five year period ending 3/31/23. The ratings are based on risk adjusted returns in the US fund Large Blend category with 1,151 total funds in the three year period and 1,099 funds in the five year period as of 3/31/23. The Morningstar ratings are for the A share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

### Monthly Performance (%)

As of March 31, 2023

Fund Name	3M	YTD Return	1Y	3Y	5Y	Inception (3/11/15)
HCM Dividend - Class A	1.15	1.15	-14.68	18.70	9.00	11.28
HCM Dividend - Class A with load	-4.64	-4.64	-19.60	16.36	7.71	10.47
HCM Dividend - Class I	1.27	1.27	-14.39	19.05	9.25	11.44
HCM Dividend - Investor Class	0.93	0.93	-15.31	17.81	8.19	10.49
S&P 500 TR Index <sup>1</sup>	7.50	7.50	-7.73	18.60	11.19	11.15

Note: Returns Greater Than 1 Year are Annualized

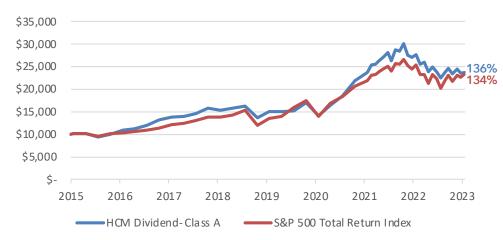
## **Quarterly Performance (%)**

As of March 31, 2023

Fund Name	YTD Return	1Y	3Y	5Y	Inception (3/11/15)
HCM Dividend - Class A	1.15	-14.68	18.70	9.00	11.28
HCM Dividend - Class A with load	-4.64	-19.60	16.36	7.71	10.47
HCM Dividend - Class I	1.27	-14.39	19.05	9.25	11.44
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## **Growth of \$10K Since Inception (\$)**



Class A and Class A1 Maximum Sales Charge 5.75%: The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund's total gross operating expenses would be 2.02%, 2.17% and 2.77% for the Fund's Class A, Class A1, and Investor Class shares, respectively. Please review the fund's prospectus for more information regarding the fund's fees and expenses. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 855-969-8464.

1S&P 500® TR: Stock market index that tracks the performance of top 500 large-cap U.S. companies.



## Risk & Volatility Measures<sup>2</sup>

As of March 31, 2023

Trailing	Fund	Category	Index
Alpha (%)	-1.82	-	-
Beta	1.01	-	-
R <sup>2</sup> (%)	85.39	-	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.45	0.41	0.48
Standard Deviation (%)	20.41	19.13	18.33

Note: Measures are calculated over last 5 years.

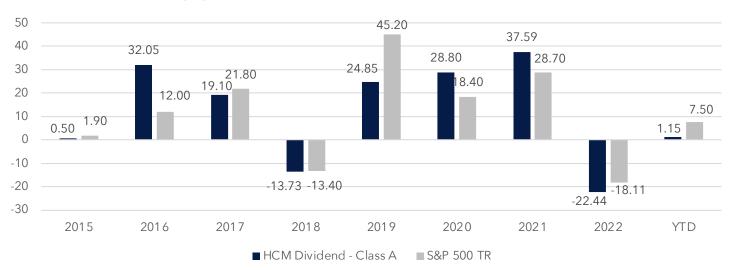
### **Fund Facts**

Ticker: HCMNX
CUSIP: 66538G643
Fund Type: Large Value

Load Type: Class A Max Sales Charge: 5.75% Min. Initial Investment: \$2,500

AUM: **\$877.31M** 

### Annual & YTD Returns (%)



# Fund Holdings\* As of March 31, 2023

ProShares Ultra QQQ	23.06%
Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF	21.48%
ProShares Ultra S&P500	20.14%
HCM BBH SWEEP	15.02%
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ETF	7.00%
US DOLLAR BROKER	0.60%
Intel Corporation	0.28%
DXC Technology Company	0.27%
Lumen Technologies, Inc.	0.27%
Southwest Airlines Company	0.26%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	11.60%

# Industry Sector/Investment Type\* As of March 31, 2023



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Risk and volatility measures explained - Alpha: Excess return of an investment relative to the return of a benchmark index. Beta: Measures the responsiveness of a stock's price to changes in the overall stock market. R<sup>2</sup>: Indicates the percentage of variance in the dependent variable that the independent variables explain collectively. Sharpe Ratio: Risk adjusted return of the portfolio. Standard Deviation: Square root of fund's variance from its expected return.



#### **Prospectus Disclosure**

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of Mutual Funds and ETF's. This and other important information about the Funds are contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained at www.howardcmfunds.com or by calling 770-642-4902. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing.

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