

**Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund**

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION** **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Boston Partners Long/Short Equity Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation while reducing exposure to general equity market risk. The Fund seeks a total return greater than that of the S&P 500® Index over a full market cycle.

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**MONTHLY PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION AS OF APRIL 30, 2023** **STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 30, 2023**

|       | Apr-23 | YTD  | 1Y   | 3Y    | 5Y    | 10Y   | June-04* | S/I** |
|-------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| BPLSX | 0.35   | 2.50 | 6.97 | 15.83 | 5.32  | 5.24  | 9.64     | 9.28  |
| BPLEX | 0.34   | 2.40 | 6.69 | 15.54 | 5.06  | 4.97  | 9.34     | 8.99  |
| SP500 | 1.56   | 9.17 | 2.66 | 14.52 | 11.45 | 12.20 | 9.35     | 7.35  |

|                     |        |                         |      |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|------|
| <b>Beta</b>         | 0.63   | <b>Std Dev</b>          | 14%  |
| <b>R-Squared</b>    | 0.46   | <b>Sharpe</b>           | 0.79 |
| <b>Months</b>       | 227    | <b>Sortino (0%)</b>     | 1.49 |
| <b>%+Month</b>      | 62%    | <b>Sortino (t-bill)</b> | 1.31 |
| <b>Max Drawdown</b> | -34.3% |                         |      |

**QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION AS OF MARCH 31, 2023** **ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**

|       | 2023Q1 | YTD  | 1Y    | 3Y    | 5Y    | 10Y   | June-04* | S/I** |
|-------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| BPLSX | 2.14   | 2.14 | 5.62  | 18.91 | 5.66  | 5.18  | 9.67     | 9.29  |
| BPLEX | 2.06   | 2.06 | 5.35  | 18.60 | 5.39  | 4.91  | 9.36     | 9.01  |
| SP500 | 7.50   | 7.50 | -7.73 | 18.60 | 11.19 | 12.24 | 9.30     | 7.31  |

|             |       |                 |        |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| <b>Fund</b> | \$68M | <b>Strategy</b> | \$176M |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|--------|

**FUND EXPENSES**

|                              | BPLSX  | BPLEX  |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Management Fees              | 2.25%  | 2.25%  |
| Operating and Other Expenses | 0.34%  | 0.59%  |
| Investment Related Expenses  | 0.59%  | 0.59%  |
| Gross Expenses               | 3.18%  | 3.43%  |
| Waived Operating Expenses    | -0.63% | -0.63% |
| Net Expense Ratio            | 2.55%  | 2.80%  |

\*On June 1, 2004 the strategy changed from market neutral strategy to a dynamic long/short strategy

For further information on fund expenses and potential fee waivers, please refer to the last page.

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**CHARACTERISTICS** **MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION (%) AS OF: APRIL 30, 2023**

|                         | Long     | Short    |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Wtd Avg Mkt Cap (\$Mil) | \$61,186 | \$21,166 |
| Median mkt Cap (\$Mil)  | \$13,079 | \$2,275  |
| Price/Earnings FY1      | 9.20x    | 22.2x    |
| Price/Book              | 2.1x     | 4.8x     |
| Number Holdings         | 113      | 81       |
| Current Month Exposure  | 91.8%    | 18.4%    |

| Sector                 | MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION (%) AS OF: APRIL 30, 2023 |                        |                        |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
|                        | Long  | Short                  | Total                  |
|                        | Contribution To Return                        | Contribution To Return | Contribution To Return |
| Communication Services | -0.29   | 0.05                   | -0.24                  |
| Consumer Discretionary | -0.31   | 0.00                   | -0.31                  |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.13  | -0.01                  | 0.12                   |
| Energy                 | 0.10  | 0.03                   | 0.13                   |
| Financials             | 0.15  | 0.02                   | 0.17                   |
| Health Care            | 0.79  | 0.05                   | 0.84                   |
| Industrials            | -0.10   | 0.07                   | -0.03                  |
| Information Technology | -0.91   | 0.74                   | -0.16                  |
| Materials              | -0.06   | 0.01                   | -0.04                  |
| Real Estate            | -0.11   | 0.00                   | -0.11                  |
| Utilities              | 0.00  | 0.00                   | 0.00                   |
| Cash                   |   |                        | 0.06                   |
| Total                  | -0.60   | 0.97                   | 0.43                   |

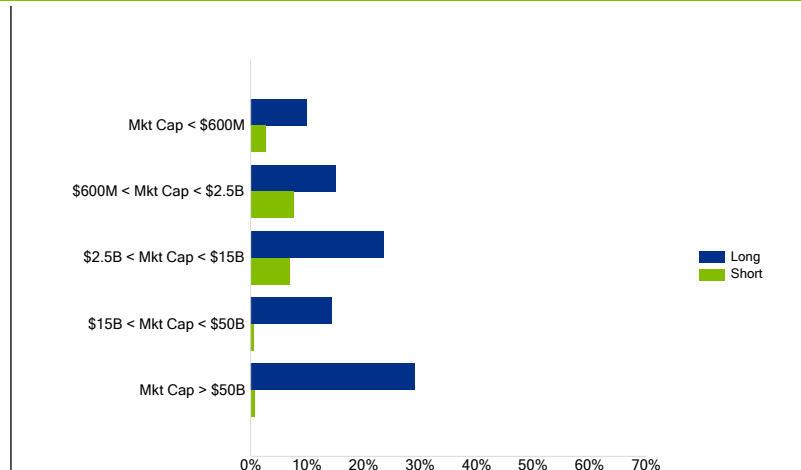
**LARGEST HOLDINGS**

| LONG PORTFOLIO  |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Weight          | Security name                |
| 2.3%            | CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES L |
| 1.9%            | ENTRAVISION COMMUNICATIONS C |
| 1.8%            | ELEVANCE HEALTH, INC.        |
| 1.8%            | FAIRFAX FINANCIAL HOLDINGS L |
| 1.7%            | ARCOS DORADOS HOLDINGS, INC. |
| SHORT PORTFOLIO |                              |
| Weight          | Security name                |
| 0.7%            | WINGSTOP, INC.               |
| 0.6%            | TESLA, INC.                  |
| 0.5%            | WW INTERNATIONAL, INC.       |
| 0.5%            | MILLERKNOLL, INC.            |
| 0.5%            | FIVERR INTERNATIONAL LTD.    |

**EXPOSURE BY SECTOR**

|                        | Long  | Short | Net          |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| COMMUNICATION SERVICES | 7.2%  | 0.8%  | 6.4%         |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY | 7.6%  | 6.3%  | 1.3%         |
| CONSUMER STAPLES       | 2.2%  | 1.5%  | 0.7%         |
| ENERGY                 | 6.6%  | 0.6%  | 6.1%         |
| FINANCIALS             | 15.6% | 0.4%  | 15.2%        |
| HEALTH CARE            | 20.8% | 1.4%  | 19.4%        |
| INDUSTRIALS            | 12.3% | 3.0%  | 9.5%         |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 13.6% | 4.2%  | 9.4%         |
| MATERIALS              | 4.4%  | 0.2%  | 4.3%         |
| REAL ESTATE            | 1.4%  | 0.0%  | 1.4%         |
| UTILITIES              | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%         |
| <b>Total Net</b>       |       |       | <b>73.4%</b> |

**EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION**



\*\*Since Inception: November 17, 1998

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Investment in shares of the Long/Short Equity Fund are more volatile and risky than some other forms of investments. Since the Long/short Equity Fund has both a long and a short portfolio, an investment in the Fund will involve risks associated with twice the number of investment decisions made for a typical stock fund and short selling carries a risk on unlimited loss. The Fund will engage in short sales which theoretically involves unlimited loss potential since the market price of securities sold short may continuously increase. This may have the effect of increased leverage with risk of loss and cause fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's portfolio to have disproportionately large effects or cause the NAV of the Fund generally to decline faster than it would otherwise. Investments made in small or mid capitalization companies may be more volatile and less liquid due to limited resources or product lines and more sensitive to economic factors. The Fund may invest in more aggressive investments such as foreign securities which may expose the fund to currency and exchange rate fluctuations, derivatives (futures, options, swaps), REITS (affected by economic factors related to the real estate industry), illiquid and high yield debt (also known as junk bonds), all of which may cause greater volatility and less liquidity. Derivatives may be more sensitive to changes in market conditions. The Fund may experience high portfolio turnover which may result in higher costs and capital gains.

## **INDICES**

The S&P 500 is a registered trademark of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and is an unmanaged index of the common stocks of 500 widely held U.S. companies. Index returns are provided for comparison purposes only. Direct investment in these indices is not possible.

## **FEES AND EXPENSES**

Returns are provided on a net basis. Net returns are reduced by any fees and applicable expenses incurred in the management of the Fund. Operating expenses include distribution fees and administrative, legal, registration and other expenses. Investment related expenses include dividend expenses on short sales and interest expenses on borrowings.

The adviser has contractually agreed to waive all or a portion of its advisory fee and / or reimburse expenses in an aggregate amount equal to the amount by which the Total Annual Fund operating expenses (other than short sale dividend expenses, brokerage commissions, extraordinary items, interest or taxes) exceeds 2.80% (Investor Class) and 2.55% (Institutional Class) of the average daily net assets of the average daily net assets. The contractual limitation is in effect until December 31, 2023. and may not be terminated without Board approval. Net expenses are as of the most recent prospectus and are applicable to investors.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Beta: A measure of a portfolio's market-related risk or its price movement in relation to a benchmark. Securities with betas higher than 1.0 have been, and are expected to be, more volatile than the benchmark; securities with betas lower than 1.0 have been, and are expected to be less volatile than the benchmark.

Drawdown: The peak-to - trough decline during a specific record period of an investment, fund or commodity. A drawdown is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak and the trough.

Price To Book (P / B) - The price per share of a stock divided by its book value (net worth) per share. For a portfolio, the ratio is the weighted average price-to- book ratio of the stocks that it holds.

Price To Earnings (P / E) - A method of valuing stocks, calculated by dividing the closing price of a company's stock by its annual earnings per share. A higher multiple means investors have higher expectations for future growth and have bid up the stock's price.

R - Squared: A statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index.

Sharpe Ratio: A measure of risk-adjusted return. Sharpe ratio is calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund's historical risk adjusted performance.

Sortino Ratio: A measure of risk-adjusted performance that indicates the level of excess return per unit of downside risk. Downside risk can be measured as negative returns or below a minimum required return.

Standard Deviation: A statistical term that measures the dispersion of a variable around its expected value. The standard deviation is often used as a measure of risk when applied to a return on an investment.

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