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### FUND OBJECTIVE

Seeks capital appreciation. The Fund pursues this objective through investment in equity securities of companies with the potential for above-average growth in earnings.

### GROWTH FUND UPDATE

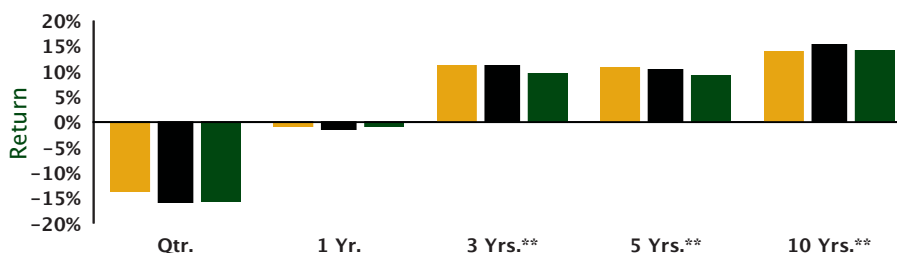
The Russell Large Cap Growth Index fell from its all-time high in September to levels not seen since Summer of 2017. We believe the sharp selloff resulted from signs of a slowing global economy paired with concerns that the US Federal Reserve was tightening policy too fast. The Commerce Growth Fund finished the quarter down -13.76%, outperforming the Russell 1000 Growth Index return of -15.89%

Stock selection contributed to the Fund's positive relative performance. The strongest stocks were Starbucks Corporation (1.22%), McDonald's Corporation (1.21%), and Yum Brands (1.28%), up 14%, 7%, and 1%, respectively. The Fund's weakest stocks for the period were BWX Technologies (0.00%), Bio-Techne Corporation (0.96%), and FLIR Systems, Inc. (1.03%), down -31%, -29%, and -29%, respectively.

The Fund's sector allocations also contributed to the Fund's relative performance. The Fund's 3% underweight to the Electronic Technology sector (down 25%) benefitted the Fund's performance. However, the Fund's 1.5% underweight to the REIT stocks in the Finance sector (down 10.5%), hurt the Fund's performance.

During the quarter the Fund increased its position in the Finance sector from 7.1% to 9.9%, with the purchase of Charles Schwab Corp (1.02%) and CBOE Global Markets (1.00%), which eliminated the Fund's underweight to the sector. The Fund decreased its position in the Electronic Technology sector from 14.9% to 12.4% through the sale of BWX Technologies (0.00%), and Cadence Design Systems (0.00%) increasing the Fund's underweight.

### TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF 12/31/18



	Qtr.	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.**	5 Yrs.**	10 Yrs.**
Fund	-13.76	-0.86	11.18	10.78	13.83
Russell 1000 Growth Index <sup>2</sup>	-15.89	-1.51	11.15	10.40	15.29
Lipper Category 2nd Quartile Total Return Ranking <sup>3</sup>	-15.77	-0.86	9.60	9.10	14.07

Lipper Category: Large-Cap Growth Funds

\*\* Returns for periods over one year are annualized. The returns represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Fund's investment return and principal value 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 quoted above. To obtain the most recent month-end returns, please visit our website at <https://commercefunds.com/fund-information/fund-performance.asp>.

### SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION<sup>4</sup> (%)

Sector	Fund	Index*	Sector	Fund	Index*
Technology Services	24.11%	24.73%	Distribution Services	0.00%	0.76%
Consumer Non-Durables	8.32%	6.07%	Health Services	3.70%	3.22%
Finance	9.87%	9.73%	Commercial Services	3.12%	1.89%
Retail Trade	6.91%	10.72%	Industrial Services	1.23%	0.66%
Electronic Technology	12.40%	15.01%	Communications	0.00%	0.15%
Health Technology	9.09%	10.58%	Transportation	1.17%	2.60%
Consumer Services	6.91%	5.89%	Consumer Durables	0.00%	1.36%
Producer Manufacturing	7.63%	4.38%	Energy Minerals	0.00%	0.40%
Process Industries	4.68%	1.57%	Non-Energy Minerals	0.00%	0.26%
Other	0.86%	0.00%	Utilities	0.00%	0.00%

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Fund Assets	\$115,980,456
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	\$29.32

### EXPENSE RATIO<sup>5</sup>

Current (net)	0.79%
Before Waiver (gross)	0.79%

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Fund is managed by the Equity Strategy Team, a group of senior-level investment professionals who average 32 years of experience.

### ASSET ALLOCATION

Equities	99.1%
Cash	0.9%

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Avg. Mkt. Capitalization	\$205.8 Billion
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>6</sup>	24.3x
Number of Holdings	73

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS<sup>7</sup>

1 Apple Inc.	5.2%
2 Microsoft Corporation	5.1%
3 Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.5%
4 Amazon.com Inc	4.2%
5 Facebook, Inc. Class A	2.2%
6 Visa Inc. Class A	1.7%
7 UnitedHealth Group Inc.	1.6%
8 Home Depot, Inc.	1.4%
9 Dollar General Corporation	1.3%
10 Yum! Brands, Inc	1.3%

### LIPPER RANKINGS<sup>8,9</sup>

Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds as of 12/31/18

1 Year	339 out of 677
5 Years	58 out of 539 (top 11%)
10 Years	235 out of 409

### MORNINGSTAR RATINGS<sup>10,11</sup>

Large Growth Funds Category as of 12/31/18

Overall	★★★★ out of 1247 funds
3-Year	★★★★★ out of 1247 funds
5-Year	★★★★★ out of 1107 funds
10-Year	★★★ out of 799 funds



**NOTES**

1. The Net Asset Value represents the assets of the Fund (ex dividend) divided by the total number of shares.
2. The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.
3. The Lipper Category 2nd Quartile Total Return Ranking represents the lowest performing fund in the second quartile within the respective Lipper investment category.
4. Fund holdings and allocations shown are unaudited, and may not be representative of current or future investments. Fund holdings and allocations may not include the Fund's entire investment portfolio, which may change at any time. Fund holdings should not be relied on in making investment decisions and should not be construed as research or investment advice regarding particular securities. Current and future holdings are subject to risk. Diversification does not protect an investor from market risk and does not ensure a profit.
5. The total annual operating expenses of the Funds, both current (net of any fee waivers or expense limitations) and before waivers (gross of any fee waivers or expense limitations), are as set forth above. In the case of the Value, Growth, Bond, Short-Term Government, National Tax-Free Intermediate, Missouri Tax-Free Intermediate and Kansas Tax-Free Intermediate Funds, the Adviser has contractually agreed to limit each Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes and extraordinary expenses) until March 1, 2019. After that date, the Adviser or a Fund may terminate the contractual arrangement. A Fund's total annual operating expenses may increase without shareholder approval. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
6. The price-earnings ratio (PE Ratio) is the market value per share of a company, divided by its earnings per share (EPS). The PE Ratio is used as a measure of valuation of a company's stock price.

A basis point (bp) is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01% (0.0001). For example: 1% change = 100 basis points, and 0.01% = 1 basis point.

**FOOTNOTES**

The Fund invests in mid-capitalization securities. The securities of mid-capitalization companies involve greater risks than those associated with larger, more established companies and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements.

\* Russell 1000 Growth Index

**\*\* The Total Returns are average annual total returns or cumulative total returns (only if the performance period is one year or less) as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. They are net of expenses and assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value. Because the Fund is not subject to a sales charge, such a charge is not applied to their Total Returns.**

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\*\*\*\* The Morningstar Rating™ is calculated for funds with at least a 3-year history based on a risk-adjusted return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly excess returns. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population. In each category, the top 10% = 5 stars, next 22.5% = 4 stars, next 35% = 3 stars, next 22.5% = 2 stars, and bottom 10% = 1 star. Overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the returns associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) rating, excluding all sales charges. Weights are based on the # of months of total returns: 100% 3-year rating for 36-59 months, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60-119 months, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-year rating for 120 or more months. ©2019 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary.

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