

# MERIDIAN GROWTH FUND

FIRST QUARTER 2017



## FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- **Objective:** The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital
- **A mutual fund that seeks:** To prioritize downside risk before potential return. Small and medium-sized companies the managers believe can mature and grow

**Fund Inception Date:** 8/1/84

**Fund Assets:** \$1.3 billion

## SHARE CLASSES

A Shares	MRAGX
C Shares	MRCGX
Investor Shares	MRIGX

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

<b>Chad Meade</b> Portfolio Manager	<b>Brian Schaub, CFA</b> Portfolio Manager
Years of Experience: 17 Years Tenure on Strategy: Since 9/13	Years of Experience: 16 Years Tenure on Strategy: Since 9/13

## SECTOR WEIGHTS *(subject to change)*

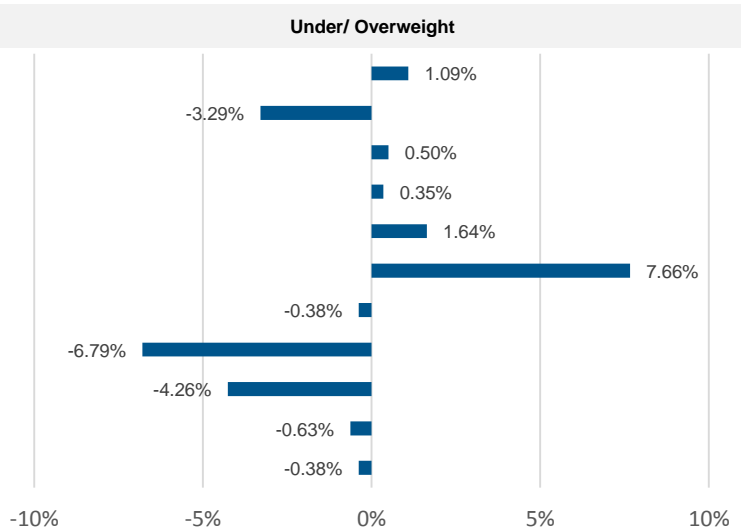
Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2500® Growth Index
Consumer Discretionary	17.70%	16.61%
Consumer Staples	0.69%	3.98%
Energy	1.53%	1.03%
Financials	6.58%	6.23%
Health Care	20.69%	19.05%
Industrials	26.17%	18.51%
Information Technology	21.20%	21.58%
Materials	0.00%	6.79%
Real Estate	0.95%	5.21%
Telecommunications	0.00%	0.63%
Utilities	0.00%	0.38%

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (% OF PORTFOLIO)

Holding <i>(subject to change)</i>	Weighting
ServiceMaster Global Holdings, Inc.	3.04%
CEB, Inc.	2.86%
LPL Financial Holdings, Inc.	2.42%
Sensata Technologies Holding NV	2.38%
TriNet Group, Inc.	2.20%
Carter's, Inc.	2.19%
Clean Harbors, Inc.	2.11%
INC Research Holdings, Inc.	2.08%
Sally Beauty Holdings, Inc.	2.07%
Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	2.06%

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS *(subject to change)*

	Representative Account
Number of Holdings	90
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$3,871
Price-to-Earnings	27.96
Price-to-Book	4.11
Price-to-Sales	1.93
Price-to-Cash Flow	15.21



## RISK-RETURN STATISTICS (3-YEAR)<sup>2</sup>

	Representative Account	Russell 2500 Growth™ Index <sup>1</sup>
Alpha		0.31
Beta		0.88
Standard Deviation	14.24%	13.66%
Sharpe	1.88	1.70

### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Investors should consider the investment objective and policies, risk considerations, charges and ongoing expenses of an investment carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information relevant to an investment in the fund. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money. To obtain a prospectus, please contact your investment representative or access the website at [meridianfund.com](http://meridianfund.com).

Performance for the Investor class and performance prior to 9/15/2013 reflects the Fund's performance under the management of Aster Investment Management Co. using similar investment strategies and was calculated using historical Legacy class performance. \*Source: Bloomberg.

**Not FDIC-Insured, Not Bank Guaranteed, May Lose Value**

**FUND TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE**

Share Class	Ticker	Gross Expense Ratio	Net Expense Ratio	Inception Date	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	Since Inception <sup>3</sup>
A Shares	MRAGX	1.17%	1.17%	11/15/2013	6.96%	21.19%	8.82%	9.89%	8.20%	8.87%	11.75%
A Shares w/ Load	MRAGX	1.17%	1.17%	11/15/2013	0.81%	14.23%	6.69%	8.60%	7.57%	8.44%	11.55%
C Shares	MRCGX	1.90%	1.90%	7/1/2015	6.76%	20.31%	8.20%	9.27%	7.60%	8.27%	11.14%
Investor Shares	MRIGX	0.92%	0.92%	11/15/2013	7.04%	21.50%	9.22%	10.24%	8.51%	9.17%	12.04%
Russell 2500 Growth Index	-	-	-	-	6.25%	19.77%	7.23%	12.17%	8.47%	8.69%	n/a

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Performance prior to 9/5/13 reflects the Fund's performance under the management of Aster Investment Management Co. using similar investment strategies. ALPS Distributors, Inc. and Aster Investment Management Co. are not affiliated. A Class: Prior to 7.1.15, the A Class was named Advisor Class. The historical performance shown for periods prior to inception on 11/15/13 was calculated using historical Legacy class performance as adjusted for estimated class specific expenses, for distribution, shareholder servicing and sub-transfer agency fees, without consideration to any expense limitation or waivers. The annual gross expense ratio is 1.17% as of 10.31.2016. The net expense ratio is 1.17% as of 10.31.2016. If the class had been offered prior to 11/15/13, the actual performance and expenses may have differed from the amounts shown. C Class: The historical performance shown for periods prior to inception on 7/1/15 was calculated using historical Legacy class performance as adjusted for estimated class specific expenses, for distribution, shareholder servicing and sub-transfer agency fees, without consideration to any expense limitation or waivers. The annual gross expense ratio is 1.90% as of 10.31.2016. The net expense ratio is 1.90% as of 10.31.2016. If the class had been offered prior to 7/1/15, the actual performance and expenses may have differed from the amounts shown. Investor Class: The historical performance shown for periods prior to inception on 11/15/13 was calculated using historical Legacy class performance as adjusted for estimated class specific expenses for shareholder servicing and sub-transfer agency fees without consideration to any expense limitation or waivers. The annual gross expense ratio is 0.92% as of 10.31.2016. The annual net expense ratio is 0.92% as of 10.31.2016.

**Principal Investment Risks**

There are risks involved with any investment. The principal risks associated with an investment in the Fund, which could adversely affect its net asset value, yield and return, are set forth below. Please see the section "Further Information About Principal Risks" in the Prospectus for a more detailed discussion of these risks and other factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in the Fund. An investment in the Fund may lose money and is not a deposit of a bank or insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency. **Investment Strategy Risk:** The Investment Adviser uses the Fund's principal investment strategies and other investment strategies to seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective of long-term growth of capital. There is no assurance that the Investment Adviser's investment strategies or securities selection method will achieve that investment objective. **Equity Securities Risk:** Equity securities fluctuate in price and value in response to many factors including historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and its financial condition, the value of its assets, general economic conditions, interest rates, investors' perceptions and market liquidity. **Market Risk:** The value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general stock market and economic conditions. As a result, the value of your investment in the Fund may be more or less than your purchase price. **Growth Securities Risk:** Because growth securities typically trade at a higher multiple of earnings than other types of securities, the market values of growth securities may be more sensitive to changes in current or expected earnings than the market values of other types of securities. In addition, growth securities, at times, may not perform as well as value securities or the stock market in general, and may be out of favor with investors for varying periods of time. **Small Company Risk:** Generally, the smaller the capitalization of a company, the greater the risk associated with an investment in the company. The stock prices of small capitalization and newer companies tend to fluctuate more than those of larger capitalized and/or more established companies and generally have a smaller market for their shares than do large capitalization companies. **Foreign Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities may be subject to more risks than those associated with U.S. investments, including currency fluctuations, political and economic instability and differences in accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards. Foreign securities may be less liquid than domestic securities so that the Fund may, at times, be unable to sell foreign securities at desirable times or prices. In addition, emerging market securities involve greater risk and more volatility than those of companies in more developed markets. Significant levels of foreign taxes are also a risk related to foreign investments.

**Glossary:** **Number of Holdings:** The total number of individual equities held by the Fund. **Weighted Average Market Cap:** The weighted average of market capitalization (market price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) of the stocks in the portfolio, weighted according to its percent held in the fund. **Price to Earnings:** A valuation ratio of current share price compared to its per-share operating earnings over the previous four quarters. **Price to Book:** A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share. **Price to Sales:** A ratio for valuing a stock relative to its own past performance, other companies or the market itself. Price to sales is calculated by dividing a stock's current price by its revenue per share for the trailing 12 months. **Price to Cash Flow:** A measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. Because this measure deals with cash flow, the effects of depreciation and other non-cash factors are removed. **Alpha:** A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha compares the volatility (price risk) of the Fund to risk-adjusted performance of the benchmark Index. The excess return of the Fund relative to the return of the Index is the Fund's alpha. **Beta:** A statistical measure of the Fund's volatility relative to the broader peer group is measured against the benchmark Index, which is deemed to equal 1.00. A beta higher than 1.00 means the Fund has experienced greater sensitivity to swings in the market, while a beta of less than 1.00 means the Fund has experienced less sensitivity. **Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk. **Sharpe:** Measures risk-adjusted performance.

<sup>1</sup>The Russell 2500 Growth™ Index measures the performances of the small and mid cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. One cannot invest directly in an index.

<sup>2</sup>Alpha and beta calculated over 36 months. Standard deviation and Sharpe are calculated over most recent 12 months.

<sup>3</sup>Since inception returns are calculated using the Fund's Legacy class inception date of 8/1/84.

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