

# MERIDIAN CONTRARIAN FUND

## THIRD QUARTER 2017



### FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- **Objective:** The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital
- **A mutual fund that seeks:** Out-of-favor companies that may have depressed valuations and visible catalysts for sustainable improvement while prioritizing downside risk before potential return

**Fund Inception Date:** 01/31/94

**Fund Assets:** \$629 million

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

<b>James England, CFA</b> Co-Portfolio Manager Years of Experience: 22 Years	<b>Larry Cordisco</b> Co-Portfolio Manager Years of Experience: 21 Years
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### SHARE CLASSES

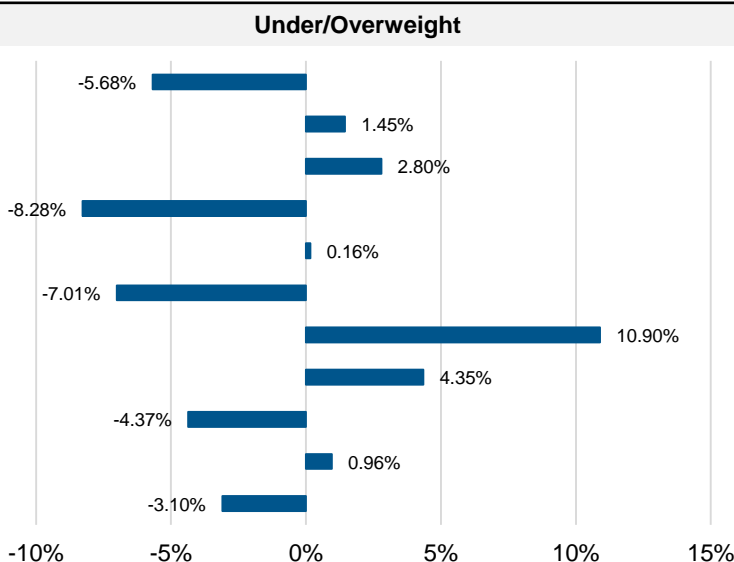
A Shares	MFCAX
C Shares	M FCCX
Investor Shares	MFCIX

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (% OF PORTFOLIO)

Holding <i>(subject to change)</i>	Weighting
Microsoft Corp.	3.92%
CACI International, Inc.	3.47%
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.	3.35%
Celgene Corp.	3.16%
US Bancorp.	3.05%
EOG Resources, Inc.	2.97%
Micron Technology, Inc.	2.87%
Verint Systems, Inc.	2.82%
Xylem, Inc.	2.70%
Total SA	2.56%

### SECTOR WEIGHTS *(subject to change)*

Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Index <sup>2</sup>
Consumer Discretionary	6.76%	12.44%
Consumer Staples	4.26%	2.81%
Energy	7.24%	4.44%
Financials	8.06%	16.34%
Health Care	12.03%	11.87%
Industrials	9.01%	16.02%
Information Technology	27.16%	16.26%
Materials	10.28%	5.93%
Real Estate	5.19%	9.56%
Telecommunications	1.54%	0.58%
Utilities	0.65%	3.75%



### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> *(subject to change)*

	Representative Account
Number of Holdings	63
Weighted Median Market Cap (USD mm)	\$4,082
Price-to-Earnings	23.32
Price-to-Book	2.60
Price-to-Sales	1.64
Price-to-Cash Flow	10.68

### RISK-RETURN STATISTICS (3-YEAR)<sup>1</sup>

	Representative Account	Russell 2500™ Index <sup>2</sup>
Alpha		0.28
Beta		0.95
Standard Deviation	11.81%	12.56%
Sharpe	2.00	1.41

### 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). Not FDIC-Insured, Not Bank Guaranteed, May Lose Value

**FUND TOTAL PERFORMANCE**

Share Class	Ticker	Gross Expense Ratio	Net Expense Ratio	Inception Date	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (Annualized) <sup>3</sup>
A Shares - No Load	MFCAX	1.41%	1.60%	12/16/2013	8.29%	21.02%	11.41%	13.51%	7.15%	12.46%
A Shares - With Load	MFCAX	1.41%	1.60%	12/16/2013	2.07%	14.06%	9.24%	12.17%	6.51%	12.18%
C Shares	MFCCX	2.14%	2.14%	07/01/2015	8.15%	20.38%	10.79%	12.84%	6.49%	11.76%
Investor Shares	MFCIX	1.19%	1.35%	12/16/2013	8.36%	21.31%	11.71%	13.80%	7.42%	12.74%
Russell 2500 Index <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	4.74%	17.79%	10.60%	13.86%	8.19%	10.30%

*The Fund's performance data represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that you may have a gain or loss upon sale. You can obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end at [www.meridianfund.com](http://www.meridianfund.com).*

**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 1.41% as of 10.31.2016. The annual net expense ratio is 1.60% after a recoupment of 0.19% is added to the overall gross expense ratio. If the class had been offered prior to 11/15/13, the actual performance and expenses may have differed from the amounts shown. Performance shown for class A shares with load includes the Fund's maximum sales charge of 5.75%.

**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 2.14% as of 10.31.2016. The annual net expense ratio is 2.14% 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 1.19% as of 10.31.2016. The annual net expense ratio is 1.35% after a recoupment of 0.16% is added to the overall gross expense ratio 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.

<sup>1</sup>Alpha and beta calculated over 36 months. Standard deviation and Sharpe are calculated over most recent 12 months. Source Bloomberg.

<sup>2</sup>The Fund's Index, The Russell 2500™ Index, measures the performance of the small to mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe, commonly referred to as "smid" cap. The Russell 2500 is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index. It includes approximately 2500 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. One cannot invest directly in an index.

<sup>3</sup>Since inception returns are calculated using the month end data prior to the Fund's Legacy class inception date of 2/10/94.

**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. **Value Securities Risk:** The market value of a value security may take longer than anticipated to rise, may decline or may fail to meet the Investment Adviser's assessment of its potential value. In addition, value securities, at times, may not perform as well as growth 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. **High Yield Bond Risk:** Debt securities that are rated below investment grade (commonly referred to as "junk bonds") involve a greater risk of default or price declines than investment grade securities. The market for high-yield, lower rated securities may be smaller and less active, causing market price volatility and limited liquidity in the secondary market. This may limit the ability of a Fund to sell these securities at their fair market values either to meet redemption requests, or in response to changes in the economy or the financial markets. **Debt Securities Risk:** Debt securities are subject to credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. Credit risk is the risk that the entity that issued a debt security may become unable to make payments of principal and interest when due and includes the risk of default. Interest rate risk is the risk of losses due to changes in interest rates. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to sell portfolio securities because there are too few buyers for them.

**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. ALPS Distributors, Inc., a member FINRA, is the distributor of the Meridian Funds, advised by ArrowMark Colorado Holdings, LLC. ALPS, Meridian and ArrowMark are unaffiliated. **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.



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**ArrowMark Colorado Holdings, LLC ("ArrowMark Partners"),** is an employee owned asset manager with specialized expertise in alternative fixed income and capacity constrained equity strategies. Our unique approach, based on the team's collective experience navigating market cycles, provides extensive insights across the capital structure and a skilled understanding of how to manage complex risk/reward tradeoffs through fundamental research.