

## **NORTH SQUARE**

# **Strategic Income Fund**

**TICKER** Class I: ADVNX

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The investment objectives of the North Square Strategic Income Fund are to seek high current income and to seek long term capital appreciation. The strategy is predominantly a high-quality diversified mix of global assets structured to achieve high current income and excess returns with reduced correlation to traditional asset classes and managed to outperform its benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index.

## **INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

Philosophy: Invests in a wide range of income producing asset classes, while focusing on high quality, low leverage and

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transparency, helps limit volatility and downside risk. A lower overall correlation to equity and fixed income enhances return per unit of

risk.

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Investment Approach: A global, flexible approach allows tactical changes among a variety of income producing asset classes. Employs a top down macro perspective with bottom up security selection with an emphasis on high quality, relative value and high current income.

Risk Management: Along with broad diversification across asset classes and a high quality credit focus, the fund has strict issuer limits of less than 4% and defined sector ranges for bonds, preferreds, convertibles, REITS, high dividend equities, high yield debt and emerging market exposure.

## **AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)**

	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Inception
CLASS I	4.24	11.70	11.70	6.73	5.65	4.95
BARCLAYS US AGG BND INDX	0.67	7.51	7.51	5.34	4.44	3.30
BLMBRG BRCLY INTRM CRDT INDX	1.55	7.08	7.08	5.46	4.74	3.56
MRNNGSTR US MLTI-SEC BND <sup>2</sup>	4.02	4.82	4.82	4.21	5.16	3.64

#### **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Inception Date <sup>1</sup>
2.20	2.07	6.07	-1.99	11.04	11.70	9/10/2012
0.55	2.65	3.54	0.01	8.72	7.51	
0.90	3.68	3.67	0.01	9.52	7.08	
2.03	7.09	6.13	-1.57	9.68	4.82	
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## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING

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### **MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY**

MULTISECTOR BOND

Strategic Income Fund is among 295 Multisector bond funds derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five- and 10-year risk-adjusted returns as of (12/31/20). For the 3yr period the fund was rated 5 stars out of 295 funds and 4 stars out of 259 funds for the 5yr period.\*

FUND FACTS		
Subadvisor	Red Cedar Inv Mgmt	
Total Net Assets	\$77.27M	
Holdings	138	
Dividend	Monthly	
Effective Duration of Bonds		
and Preferreds	4.1 Years	
Yield to Maturity	3.37%	

EXPENSE RATIO	
Gross Ratio Class I:	1.96%
Net Ratio Class I:	0.95%

The Fund's advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and / or pay for expenses of the Fund to the extent they exceed the above net ratio until February 28, 2022, and this agreement may be terminated by the Trust's Board of Trustees. The Advisor is permitted to seek reimbursement from the Fund, for three years from the date of any such waiver or payment to the extent a class's total annual fund operating expenses do not exceed the limits described above.

Effective February 24, 2020, the Fund changed its primary benchmark from the Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Credit Index to the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, which better reflects the Fund's investment strategy. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad base, market capitalization-weighted bond market index representing intermediate term investment grade bonds traded in the United States. The Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Credit Index measures the performance of investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government-related debt with less than ten years to maturity.

Call 855-551-5521 or visit northsquareinvest.com for the most recent month-end performance results. Fund facts are as of 12/31/20 unless otherwise stated. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Fund has adopted the historical performance of the Advisory Research Strategic Income Fund (the "Predecessor Fund"), a former series of Investment Manager Series Trust, as a result of a reorganization consummated after the close of business on February 21, 2020 ("Reorganization") in which the Fund acquired all of the assets, subject to the liabilities, of the Predecessor Fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Morningstar places the Fund in this category. Class I shares were rated 5 overall stars by Morningstar among 295 Multi-sector Bond funds for the 3-year period ended 12/31/20 based on risk-adjusted performance.

## Strategic Income Fund

#### ASSET ALLOCATION (%)

39.1
1.74
12.20
11.03
7.61
0.58
5.95
46.5
32.56
8.19
5.78
3.9
7.3
3.2

#### <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg

## **BOND QUALITY RATING 1, 2 (%)**



## PREFERRED QUALITY RATING<sup>1,2</sup> (%)

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BBB

BB

3.0

80.2

16.8



- <sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg
- <sup>2</sup>Quality ratings are based on Moody's, S&P, or Fitch, as applicable. Securities rated by all three services are assigned the median rating; if a bond is rated by only two agencies, it is assigned the lower rating; if it is only rated by one agency, that rating is assigned.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### John L. Cassady III, CFA

29 years of investment experience

#### David L. Withrow, CFA

30 years of investment experience

### Michael J. Martin, CFA

24 years of investment experience

## Jason M. Schwartz, CFA

15 years of investment experience

#### Julia M. Batchenko, CFA

10 years of investment experience

#### 30-DAY SEC YIELD

Subsidized:	2.77%
Unsubsidized:	2.27%

## TOP TEN NON-GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

Truist Financial Corp	5.1 PERP
Duke Energy Corp	4.875 PERP
BP Capital Markets PLC	4.375 PERP
Fifth Third Bancorp	4.5 PERP

Citigroup Inc	4 PERP	
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	Float PERP	
Enbridge Inc	5.75 07/15/80	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	6.75 PERP	
Australia and New Zealand		
Banking Group Ltd	6.75 PERP	

Emera Incorporated	6.75 06/15/76
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<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. The Portfolio is actively managed and current holdings and characteristics may be different. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any particular security listed. The holdings identified do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for the adviser's clients. Actual portfolio investments may vary when actually invested. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

Important Risks: The Fund invests in equities which are subject to market volatility and loss. The Fund invests in equities of large-cap companies which may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges. The Fund invests in equities of small- and mid-cap companies, which may be subject to more erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies. The Fund invests in value equities which may not appreciate in value as anticipated or may experience a decline in value. The Fund invests in foreign securities which carry the associated risks of economic and political instability, market liquidity, currency volatility and differences in accounting standards. The Fund invests in preferred stocks which are relegated below bonds for payment should the issuer be liquidated. The fixed dividend may be less attractive in a rising interest rate market. The Fund invests in REITs; the risks are similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate. Shareholders will indirectly bear the additional expenses of investing in REITs. The Fund invests in convertible securities which are subject to the risks of both debt securities and equity securities. The Fund invests in debt securities which can lose their value as interest rates rise and are subject to credit risk which is the risk of deterioration in the financial condition of an issuer and/or general economic conditions that can cause the issuer to not make timely payments of principal and interest also causing the securities to decline in value and an investor can lose principal. When interest rates rise, the price of debt securities generally falls. Longer term securities are generally more volatile. The Fund invests in investment grade debt securities which may be downgraded by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) to below investment grade status. The Fund invests in non-investment grade debt securities which are considered speculative with respect to the issuers' ability to make timely payments of interest and principal, may lack liquidity and have had more frequent and larger price changes than other debt securities. The Fund invests in U.S. government and agency securities which are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury and are not guaranteed against price movements due to changing interest rates. The Fund invests in mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities which are subject to the risks of prepayment, defaults, changing interest rates and, at times, the financial condition of the issuer. The Fund invests in other investment companies such as closed-end funds and ETFs which are subject to substantially the same risks as those associated with the direct ownership of the securities comprising the portfolios; however, the price movements of the investment companies may not track the underlying securities or market index; the value of their shares may be lower than the value of the portfolio securities, and may be illiquid and shareholders will bear, indirectly, the additional expenses of investing in other investment companies. The Fund invests in derivatives such as forward currency exchange contracts, futures contracts, options and swap agreements. Derivatives can be highly volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, subject to counterparty and leverage risks and there is risk that changes in the value of a derivative held in the Fund will not correlate with the Fund's other investments. Gains or losses from speculative positions in

a derivative may be much greater than the original cost and potential losses may be sub-

stantial. The Fund may experience higher portfolio turnover which may lead to increased fund expenses, lower investment returns and higher short-term capital gains taxable to shareholders. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk. The advisor engages the sub-advisor to manage the Fund's portfolio; the sub-advisor's judgment may impact the Fund's performance.

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