

# MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND

A: HMEAX C: HMECX Z: HMEZX<sup>1</sup>

## FUND SUMMARY

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Seeks to achieve positive absolute returns

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Invest in publicly announced mergers to capture the spread between the current price of a target company and the announced offer price for that company

### INVESTMENT RATIONALE

- Alternative investment that seeks to reduce overall portfolio volatility and correlation
- Potential alternative or complement to fixed income given similar levels of risk & volatility

### FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Class A)	1/20/2015
Fund Managers	Jim Dondero, CFA, Co-Founder, President
	Brad Heiss, CFA Managing Director
	Michael McLochlin Managing Director
	Eric Fritz Director

## RETURNS (AS OF 3/31/19)

SHARE CLASS/INDEX	YTD	1-YR	Since Incept.
Class A	1.39	8.88	5.86
Class A (w/load)	-4.19	2.89	3.61
Class C	1.22	8.11	5.18
Class C (w/load)	0.22	7.11	5.18
Class Z	1.49	9.25	6.63
Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond	2.94	4.48	1.96

### TOP 10 DEALS (TARGET / ACQUIRER)

Ultimate Software/Hellman & Friedman	8.3%
BSB Bancorp/People's United Financial	7.2%
Oaktree Capital Group/Brookfield Asset Management	6.7%
The Navigators Group/The Hartford Financial Svc Group	5.7%
MBT Financial, First Merchants	4.3%
Goldcorp/Newmont Mining	4.1%
TCF Financial/Chemical Financial	4.1%
First Data/Fiserv	3.9%
Worldpay/Fidelity National Information Services	3.5%
Ellie Mae/Thoma Bravo	3.4%

### NUMBER OF DEALS

Longs	48
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### GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE (%)

United States	82.8
Canada	7.0
Israel	4.2
UK	2.9
Europe	2.0
Asia-Pacific	1.2

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## FEES AND EXPENSES

Gross: Class A: 4.77%, Class C: 5.51%, Class Z: 4.59%; Net: Class A: 3.97%, Class C: 4.72%, Class Z: 3.80%

## SALES CHARGES

Class A Max Sales Charge: 5.50%. Class C Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (“CDSC”) is 1% within the first year from each purchase. Performance results reflect the contractual waivers and/or reimbursements of fund expenses by the Advisor. Absent this limitation, performance results would have been lower.

The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees, taxes, such as deferred tax expenses, dividend expenses on short sales, interest payments, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expenses) of the Fund until at least October 31, 2019. Total net operating expenses above were applicable to investors. Total net operating expenses include dividend expense on short sales and interest payments and commitment fees on borrowed funds of Class A, C and Z shares of 2.03%, 2.18% and 2.28%, respectively).

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

On May 12, 2016, the Predecessor Fund transferred its assets to the Fund in exchange for the Fund’s Class Z shares. The investment policies, objectives, guidelines and restrictions of the Fund are in all material respects equivalent to those of the Predecessor Fund. In addition, the Predecessor Fund’s portfolio manager is the current portfolio manager of the Fund. As a mutual fund registered under the 1940 Act, the Fund is subject to certain restrictions under the 1940 Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) to which the Predecessor Fund was not subject. Had the Predecessor Fund been registered under the 1940 Act and been subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act and the Code, its investment performance could have been adversely affected, but these restrictions are not expected to have a material effect on the Fund’s investment program.

**Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index.** The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based, unmanaged, market-weighted index that is comprised of investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable debt instruments. **Derivatives Risk.** Derivatives, such as futures and options, are subject to the risk that changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Derivatives also expose the Fund to the credit risk of the derivative counterparty. Derivative contracts may expire worthless and the use of derivatives may result in losses to the Fund. **Leverage Risk.** Leverage may increase the risk of loss, 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. **Micro, Small and Mid-Cap Securities Risk.** Investments in securities of companies with micro, small or medium capitalizations involve certain risks that may differ from, or be greater than, those for larger companies, such as higher volatility, lower trading volume, fewer business lines and lack of public information. **Non-Diversification Risk.** As a non-diversified fund, the Fund may invest a larger portion of its assets in the securities of one or a few issuers than a diversified fund. A non-diversified fund’s investment in fewer issuers may result in the fund’s shares being more sensitive to the economic results of those issuers. An investment in the Fund could fluctuate in value more than an investment in a diversified fund. **Non-U.S. Securities Risk.** Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers involve certain risks not involved in domestic investments (for example, expropriation or political or economic instability). **Short Sales Risk.** The risk of short sales theoretically involves unlimited loss potential since the market price of securities sold short may continuously increase. **Hedging Risk.** Although intended to limit or reduce investment risk, hedging strategies may also limit or reduce the potential for profit. There is no assurance that hedging strategies will be successful.

All exposure and position size calculations based on percent of long market value. Long market value includes the notional value of swaps

<sup>1</sup>Only eligible investors may purchase Class Z Shares. Please refer to the prospectus for information and conditions.

<sup>2</sup>Risk Metrics: Risk statistics are based on Class Z monthly returns since inception through the date of this fact sheet. Only eligible investors may purchase Class Z Shares. Please refer to the prospectus for information and conditions. Standard Deviation measures the volatility of the Fund’s returns. Higher standard deviation represents higher volatility. Beta measures the Fund’s sensitivity to market movements; beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market; beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market. **Maximum Drawdown** is the largest peak-to-trough decline for the Fund based on monthly returns.

Source: SEI

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