

# **GLOBAL EQUITY RESEARCH PORTFOLIO**

Institutional Class / March 31, 2018 Ticker: HLRGX

## **■** INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Global Equity Research Portfolio seeks long-term capital appreciation through investments in equity securities of companies based both inside and outside the United States.

## ■ INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

We believe a diversified portfolio of high-quality, durable-growth companies purchased at reasonable prices will provide superior investment returns with belowaverage risk over the long term. Our analysts conduct careful bottom-up research of individual companies and analyze the competitive dynamics of their industries to identify what we believe are the best growth companies and to assess the value of their shares. To qualify for investment, companies must be well-managed, financially strong, and possess clear competitive advantages relative to their peers.

FUND FACTS	
CUSIP	412295792
INCEPTION DATE	12/19/2016
MIN. INVESTMENT <sup>1</sup>	\$100,000
TOTAL FUND ASSETS	\$6.2M
SALES CHARGE	None
TOTAL # OF HOLDINGS	274
NET EXPENSE RATIO*	0.90%
GROSS EXPENSE RATIO	3.49%
TURNOVER (5 YR. AVG.)	-
REDEMPTION FEE	2% 1st 90 days
DIVIDEND POLICY	Annual
NAV	\$12.50

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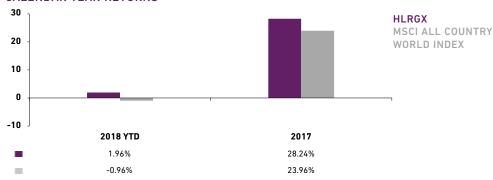
## PERFORMANCE (% TOTAL RETURN)

as of March 31, 2018

	INCEPTION DATE	3 MONTHS	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Global Equity Research Inst. Class - Net	12/19/2016	1.96	21.03	22.93
MSCI All Country World Index		-0.96	14.85	17.23

Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

#### **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS**



Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not quarantee future results. The 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. Current performance of the Portfolio may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling (877)435-8105 or visiting www.hardingloevnerfunds.com. Performance data shown does not reflect the 2.00% redemption fee imposed on shares held 90 days or less; otherwise, total returns would be reduced.

#### Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

#### **SECTOR EXPOSURE (%)**

SECTOR	HLRGX	BENCHMARK <sup>2</sup>
CONS DISCRETIONARY	12.9	12.3
CONS STAPLES	13.5	8.4
ENERGY	2.2	6.2
FINANCIALS	15.6	18.7
HEALTH CARE	10.5	10.6
INDUSTRIALS	16.1	10.8
INFO TECHNOLOGY	22.3	18.8
MATERIALS	4.4	5.4
REAL ESTATE	0.4	3.0
TELECOM SERVICES	0.6	2.9
UTILITIES	0.5	2.9
CASH	1.0	_

#### **GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE (%)**

REGION	HLRGX	BENCHMARK <sup>2</sup>
CANADA	1.7	2.9
EMERGING MARKETS	21.5	12.2
EUROPE EMU	7.2	10.8
EUROPE EX-EMU	8.5	9.9
FRONTIER MARKETS <sup>3</sup>	1.2	_
JAPAN	10.2	8.0
MIDDLE EAST	0.7	0.2
PACIFIC EX-JAPAN	3.3	3.8
UNITED STATES	44.7	52.2
CASH	1.0	_

All holdings and sector/geographic allocations are subject to review and adjustment in accordance with the Portfolio's investment strategy and may vary in the future, and should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security. The Portfolio is actively managed; therefore holdings may not be current.

The MSCI All Country World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets. The Index consists of 47 developed and emerging market countries. The Index is net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends. You cannot invest directly in this Index.

#### **■ INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Harding Loevner manages global equity portfolios. Our distinct strategies are available to institutions and individuals around the world. Investing in quality-growth companies for the long term has been our exclusive focus since 1989.

#### **■ PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

MOON SURANA, CFA
PORTFOLIO MANAGER
Manipal Institute of Technology, BE,
2005
University of Michigan, MS, Financial
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Harding Loevner since 2009

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PORTFOLIO MANAGER
University of Central Florida, BS, 1991
New York University, Leonard N. Stern
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#### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

	SECTOR	COUNTRY	% ASSETS
COSTCO WHOLESALE	CONS STAPLES	UNITED STATES	1.1
TJX	CONS DISCRETIONARY	UNITED STATES	1.1
ROPER	INDUSTRIALS	UNITED STATES	1.0
FISERV	INFO TECHNOLOGY	UNITED STATES	1.0
AMETEK	INDUSTRIALS	UNITED STATES	1.0
T. ROWE PRICE	FINANCIALS	UNITED STATES	1.0
AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING	INFO TECHNOLOGY	UNITED STATES	1.0
EQUIFAX	INDUSTRIALS	UNITED STATES	1.0
MICROSOFT	INFO TECHNOLOGY	UNITED STATES	1.0
FIRST REPUBLIC BANK	FINANCIALS	UNITED STATES	1.0
TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS			10.2%

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

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QUALITY AND GROWTH	HLRGX	BENCHMARK <sup>2</sup>	SIZE AND VALUATION	HLRGX	BENCHMARK <sup>2</sup>
PROFIT MARGIN4(%)	14.0	11.4	WTD MED MKT CAP (\$B)	26.5	55.2
RETURN ON ASSETS4(%)	8.3	5.9	WTD AVG MKT CAP (\$B)	75.8	132.2
RETURN ON EQUITY4(%)	18.2	14.2	PRICE/EARNINGS <sup>6</sup>	21.8	17.2
DEBT/EQUITY RATIO4(%)	54.0	72.1	PRICE/CASH FLOW6	16.9	11.5
STD DEV OF 5 YEAR ROE4	3.0	4.1	PRICE/BOOK <sup>6</sup>	3.3	2.2
5 YEAR ROE4(%)	18.0	13.8			
SALES GROWTH <sup>4,5</sup> (%)	5.2	2.6			
EARNINGS GROWTH <sup>4,5</sup> (%)	10.5	7.9			
CASH FLOW GROWTH <sup>4,5</sup> (%)	10.8	7.4			

Earnings Growth is not a measure of the Portfolio's future performance.

# ■ ENDNOTES

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(1) Lower minimums available through certain brokerage firms (2) MSCI All Country World Index (3) Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the Index (4) Weighted median (5) Trailing five years, annualized (6) Weighted harmonic mean; \*Shown net of Harding Loevner's contractual agreement through February 28, 2019.

# DISCLOSURES

Source (Characteristics): FactSet (Run Date: April 3, 2018), based on the Portfolio's underlying holdings.

Profit Margin: relationship of gross profits to net sales. Return on Assets: net income for past 12 months divided by total assets. Return on Equity: the net income divided by total common equity outstanding, expressed as a percent. Debt/Equity Ratio: total long-term debt divided by total shareholder's equity. Earnings Per Share: portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. Average Weighted Market Capitalization: the product of a security's price & the number of shares outstanding. Median Market Cap: the point at which half of the market value of a portfolio is invested in stocks with a greater market cap, and consequently the other half is invested in stocks with a lower market cap. Price/Cash Flow: the ratio of a firm's closing stock price & its fiscal year end cash flow/share. Price/Book: the ratio of a firm's closing stock price & its fiscal year end book value/share. Standard Deviation: the statistical measure of the degree to which an individual value in a probability distribution tends to vary from the mean of the distribution.

The Portfolio invests in foreign securities, which will involve greater volatility and political, economic, and currency risks and differences in accounting methods. It also invests in emerging markets, which involve unique risks, such as exposure to economies less diverse and mature than the U.S. or other more established foreign markets. Economic and political instability may cause larger price changes in emerging markets securities than other foreign securities. Such risks may be magnified for securities in frontier emerging markets. Investing in participation notes involve the same risks associated with a direct investment in the underlying security, currency or market. The securities of smaller and medium-sized companies have historically exhibited more volatility with a lower degree of liquidity than larger companies.

The Portfolio's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be read and considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectuses contain this and other important information about the investment company. They may be obtained by calling toll free (877) 435-8105, or visiting www.hardingloevnerfunds.com.

While the Portfolio is "no load", management and other expenses still apply. Please refer to the Prospectus for further details. The Portfolio is distributed by Quasar Distributors, LLC.