# **High Quality Low Duration Bond Fund**

# Monthly Fund Card

Category	Ultrashort Bond
Dividend Frequency	Monthly
Fund Inception Date	12/30/2016
l Shares:	LFIFX
Inv Shares:	LFVFX

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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#### FUND STATISTICS (as of 12/31/2019)

Effective Duration	0.70
Current Yield	2.88%
Effective duration provides a measure of a	fund's interest-

rate sensitivity. The longer a fund's duration the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. Current Yield of the underlying holdings of the fund do not account for any fees.

RISK METRICS*	Fund**	Peers*
Sharpe Ratio	2.98	0.90
Sortino Ratio	9.13	2.42
Standard Deviation	0.32	0.42
Upside Capture Ratio	28.77	24.03
Downside Capture Ratio	(51.20)	(31.99)

\* All risk metrics above are measured on a 3-year basis and measured against the US Barclays Aggregate Bond Index.

\*\* Institutional Share Class.

30-Day SEC Y	ields (as of 12/31/2019)	Unsubsidized
I Shares:	1.64%	1.32%
Inv Shares	1.26%	0.95%

The 30-Day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. The unsubsidized yield represents what the yield would have been in the absence of temporary expense waivers or reimbursements."

EXPENSE RATIOS*	Gross*	Net**	
I Shares:	0.96%	0.85%	
Inv Shares:	1.23%		
*Ratios listed are as of the 10/1/19 prospectus.			

\*\* Voluntary Cap agreed to by the Fund's Advisor

Sharpe Ratio: Average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. Subtracting the risk-free rate from the mean return, the performance associated with risk-taking activities can be isolated.

Sortino Ratio: Measures the risk- adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

Standard Deviation Known as historical volatility and is used by investors as a gauge for the amount of expected volatility.

Upside Capture Ratio: Statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in up-markets. The up-market capture ratio is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has risen.

Downside Capture Ratio: Statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in down-markets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has dropped.

An upside capture ratio over 100 indicates a fund has generally outperformed the benchmark during periods of positive returns for the benchmark. Meanwhile, a downside capture ratio of less than 100 indicates that a fund has lost less than its benchmark in periods when the benchmark has been in the red. A negative downside capture indicates the fund has gained when its benchmark has been in the red. All bond funds' ratios are calculated relative to the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index .

Leader Capital Corp

# A high-quality bond fund that gives investors exposure across multiple fixed income sectors, a focus on high credit quality, and low duration.

Launched in 2016, Leader High Quality Low Duration Bond Fund is focused on maintaining superior portfolio credit quality. The Fund is actively managed for strong risk adjusted returns, high portfolio credit quality, minimal interest rate sensitivity and ability to invest across fixed income sectors.

**High Credit Quality:** The Fund invests in A or better rated securities only. We view our high-quality mandate is crucial to reducing volatility and vital to being a core fixed income holding.

**Diversified Across Asset Classes:** Access to a wider range of floating rate securities means the fund may take advantage of dislocations across the market to generate incremental yield.

Low Duration: A bond fund that achieves its low duration mandate through investments in floating rate bonds.

**Core Fixed Income Allocation:** A fund that can serve as a core fixed income allocation. The fund can be used as an ultrashort bond fund, short term bond fund, and an investment grade floating rate fund. The Fund's low duration and high-quality mandate make this fund a fit for multiple Morningstar fixed income categories and in our view, belongs in every fixed income portfolio as a core allocation.

# **Market & Fund Commentary**

Equity markets marched up in December as the melt up continued into year end. The Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P continue to be well above their 200-day moving averages and made new all-time highs. There were no negative headlines surrounding the trade deal/war as a calm took over the markets. Interest rates ticked slightly higher on the longer end steepening the curve after the Federal Reserve cut rates two months ago for the third time. We believe that lower interest rates have continued to be the main driver of equity markets. We continue to believe a generally defensive posture is warranted and tactically adding risk.

High Yield credit spreads grinded even tighter over December from November (-46bps) following equity markets. Investment Grade spreads also tightened over December from November (-5bps). The yield curve remained normal after normalizing for the first time this year a couple months ago. The 2yr treasury yield decreased MoM from 1.614% to 1.571%. The 2yr and 10yr yield drifted even steeper close to ~30bps apart. The 10yr treasury yield increased MoM from 1.777% to 1.919%. We continue to believe it prudent to maintain credit quality, but at the same time, be nimble enough to step in on any beaten down opportunities.

December is a historically quiet month with the holidays and post Thanksgiving. After cash raising heavily at the end of October, we spent November shortening up the portfolio with short weighted average life AAA rated credits. In December, we increased our mortgage exposure slightly. We continue to like short AAA exposure as these bonds are currently amortizing and we can receive proceeds back soon. Overall, we continue to remain very short in our credit exposure. We continue to highly favor credit quality as the portfolio remains highly defensive, but we continue to see pockets of opportunity now in short WAL ("weighted average life") AAA bonds and upgrade candidates.

## **Definitions:**

**S&P 500:** Standard and Poor's 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

**Dow Jones Transportation Index:** The Dow Jones Transportation Average is a price-weighted average of 20 U.S. transportation stocks. The average as it is known today began on October 26, 1896. It was formerly known as the Dow Jones Railroad Average..

**CLOs:** Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) are a form of securitization where payments from multiple middle sized and large business loans are pooled together and passed on to different classes of owners in various tranches. A CLO is a type of collateralized debt obligation.

**Basis Point ("bps"):** one hundredth of one percent, used chiefly in expressing differences of interest rates

# LEADER CAPITAL

## **PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS\***

Investment Grade	100.00%
High Yield	0.00%

### **CREDIT QUALITY\*\*\***

Cash	15.89%
US Treasuries	0.00%
AAA	<b>69.78%</b>
AA	14.33%
A	0.00%
BBB	0.00%
BB	0.00%
В	0.00%
NR	0.00%

\*\*\*Portfolio characteristics represent 100% of the portfolio and will vary over time. Credit qualities are show n as a percentage of net assets. A bond rated BBB or higher is considered investment grade. This chart reflects the highest security rating provided by Standard & Poor's. Ratings and portfolio credit quality will vary over time.

### **ASSET CLASS BREAKDOWN\***

CLOs	63.16%
Mortgages	20.94%
US Treasuries	0.00%
Cash	15.89%

### **DURATION BREAKDOWN\*\***

3 - 5 3.42%   5 - 7 0.00%   7- 10 0.00%	< 1	79.27%
5 - 7     0.00%       7- 10     0.00%	1 - 3	<b>16.77</b> %
7- 10 <b>0.00%</b>	3 - 5	3.42%
	5 - 7	0.00%
10	7-10	0.00%
<u>10+</u> 0.54%	10+	0.54%

\*This will change and the information provided should not be considered as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that the securities sold have not been repurchased. Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Average Annual Returns	YTD as of 12/31/19	4Q19	1Y	3Ү	5Y	10Y	Inception
Institutional (LFIFX)	2.93%	0.40%	2.93%	2.74%			2.74%
Investor (LFVFX)	2.59%	0.26%	2.59%	2.32%			2.32%
Morningstar Category Average <sup>1</sup>	3.10%	0.56%	3.10%	2.05%			
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	3.06%	0.59%	3.06%	1.90%			

### <sup>1</sup> Ultrashort Bond Category

<sup>2</sup>Barclays Govt/Corp 1 Yr Duration TR USD

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Performance is annualized trailing returns as of 12/31/19 for the Leader High Quality Low Duration Bond Fund for all Share Classes (ticker symbols: LFIFX, LFVFX)

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. Share prices and investment returns fluctuate and investor shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. To obtain performance as of the most recent month end, please call 1-800-269-8810.

The Fund's name was changed from Leader Floating Rate Fund to Leader High Quality Low Duration Bond Fund on November 19, 2019.

\*\*The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, through at least November 17, 2019, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or reimbursement (excluding any front-end or contingent deferred loads, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with instruments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example options and swap fees and expenses), borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), taxes and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees and contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the adviser)) will not exceed 1.00% and 1.00% of each class's net assets, respectively, for Institutional Shares and Institutional Shares

Important Risks: Bonds offer a relatively stable level of income, although bond prices will fluctuate providing the potential for principal gain or loss. Intermediate-term, higher quality bonds generally offer less risk than longer term bonds and a lower rate of return. Generally, a fund's fixed income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and vice versa.

As with all mutual funds, there is the risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Fund. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is actually greater for longer-term debt securities. Investments in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities include additional risks that investors should be aware of such as credit risk, prepayment risk, possible illiquidity and default, as well as increased susceptibility to adverse economic developments. Collateral Loan Obligations ("CLOs") and collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs") are securities backed by an underlying portfolio of loan and debt obligations and the risks depend largely on the types of those underlying holdings. Investments in foreign securities involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks. The fund is exposed to credit risk where lower -rated securities have a higher risk of defaulting on obligations. Investment by the fund in lower-rated and nonrated securities presents a greater risk of loss of principle and interest than higher-rated securities. The Fund is subject to liquidity risk as some securities may have few market-makers and low trading volume, which tends to increase transaction costs and may make it difficult for the Fund to dispose of a security at all or at a price which represents current or fair market value. As a result of its trading strategy, the Fund expects to engage in frequent portfolio transactions that will likely result in higher portfolio turnover and commissions than many investment companies.

Mortgage-backed investments involve risk of loss due to prepayments and, like any bond, due to default. Because the sensitivity of mortgage-related securities to changes in interest rates, a fund's performance may be more volatile than if it did not hold these securities.

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Average Duration is the weighted average of the option adjusted duration of the portfolio. It is a measure of the sensitivity of the portfolio to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration the more sensitive the portfolio is to changes in interest rates. Average Current Yield is the weighted average of the annual rate of return based on price. It is calculated by the coupon divided by the price. The 30-Day SEC Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. The 30-Day unsubsidized SEC Yield does not reflect any fee waivers/reimbursements/limits in effect.

The Barclays Government/Corporate 1 Year Duration Total Return Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade debt publicly issued in the US domestic market, including US Treasury, US agency, foreign government, supranational and corporate securities with remaining term to final maturity less than 1 year. This is the Fund's benchmark. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Holdings are as of date indicated and subject to change.

This material must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus. An investor should consider the Fund's objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing or sending money. This and other important information can be found in the Fund's prospectus. For more information please call 800-269-8810. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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