



AVE MARIA FOCUSED FUND

Q3 2021 COMMENTARY

For the three months ended September 30, 2021, the total return on the Ave Maria Focused Fund (AVEAX) was 0.21%, compared to the S&P 500® Index which returned 0.58%. The returns for the Ave Maria Focused Fund compared to its benchmark as of September 30, 2021 were:

	Year to Date	1 Yr.	Since Inception ^{^*}	Gross/Net Prospectus Expense Ratio ¹
Ave Maria Focused Fund	17.30%	30.84%	30.81%	1.30%/1.26%
S&P 500® Index	15.92%	30.00%	36.70%	

[^] Annualized ^{*} Since Inception date is 5-1-2020

¹The adviser has contractually agreed to limit the ordinary operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, interest, taxes, brokerage costs and extraordinary expenses) of the Ave Maria Focused Fund to an amount not exceeding 1.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets until at least May 1, 2023.

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value are historical and may fluctuate so that redemption value may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is quoted. Performance data reflects certain fee waivers and reimbursements. Without such waivers, performance would have been lower. **Call 1-866-AVE-MARIA or visit www.avemariafunds.com for the most current month-end performance.**

A Brief Note on Performance

The Fund performed well in the quarter, besting the Benchmark in both the year-to-date and 1-year time periods. Performance has been good, and there is much to be excited about in the portfolio. eDreams ODIGEO SA, the Fund's largest position, continued to transition its business to a subscription model, growing to 1.5 million paying subscribers on September 1st. This represents 500,000 net new subscribers over the three summer months; the previous 500,000 net new subscribers took the company 15 months to attain. While the overall travel market will take time to get back to normal, the leisure travel market that eDreams serves is rebounding strongly. Over time, eDreams may trade at a premium valuation given the predictability of its subscription revenue.

Last quarter, Archaea Energy, Inc. was introduced as a new holding. In performing due diligence on Archaea, we talked to the management teams of the two waste companies owned by the Fund, GFL Environmental, Inc., and Waste Connections, Inc. This led to a focus on this topic on both companies' second quarter earnings calls and increased disclosure regarding the returns and earning potential of these projects. Based on our research, we believe GFL's cash flow could increase dramatically over the next few years. Substantial value could be created by landfill gas collection projects, and the market is not yet focused on the opportunity, in our opinion.

New Investments:

- NextDC Limited is an Australian data center operator with a focus on colocation and interconnections. Similar to the Fund's other data center holding, Equinix, this creates a wide competitive moat around the business. NextDC is the leading inter-Australian operator while Equinix operates more intra-country.



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NextDC could achieve a high growth rate for several years at a predictable rate, as new bookings are known two years ahead of time. Additionally, being the leading inter-Australian data center makes it a possible takeover candidate by a global competitor.

Other Portfolio Changes:

The position in Equinix, Inc. was reduced during the period to reduce portfolio concentration. Change Healthcare and Hermes were fully exited. Hermes is a fantastic business; however, the large exposure to China during a time of heightened Chinese government intervention into the business sector, as well as an elevated valuation provided us with sufficient reasons to redeploy the capital into other opportunities.

We made additions to eight holdings: Adobe, Inc., APi Group Corporation, Archaea Energy, Inc., Autodesk, Inc., Brookfield Asset Management, Inc., eDreams ODIGEO SA, Frontdoor, Inc. and Green Plains, Inc.

Thank you for partnering with us. Your investment in the Ave Maria Focused Fund is appreciated.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

As of 9-30-21, the holding percentages of the stocks mentioned in this commentary are as follows: eDreams ODIGEO SA (14.2%), Archaea Energy, Inc. (1.8%), GFL Environmental, Inc. (8.9%), Waste Connections, Inc. (2.2%), NextDC Limited (5.5%), Equinix, Inc. (4.0%), Adobe, Inc. (4.2%), APi Group Corporation (8.8%), Autodesk, Inc. (2.2%), Brookfield Asset Management, Inc. (3.1%), Frontdoor, Inc. (4.5%) and Green Plains, Inc. (4.8%). Fund holdings are subject to change and should not be considered purchase recommendations. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that securities sold have not been repurchased. The Fund's top ten holdings as of 9-30-21: eDreams ODIGEO ADR (14.2%), GFL Environmental, Inc. (8.9%), APi Group Corporation (8.8%), Microsoft Corporation (7.1%), NextDC Ltd. (5.5%), Green Plains, Inc. (4.8%), Frontdoor, Inc. (4.5%), Adobe, Inc. (4.2%), Equinix, Inc. (4.0%) and Valvoline, Inc. (3.6%). The most current available data regarding portfolio holdings can be found on our website, www.avemariafunds.com. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

The Adviser invests only in securities that meet the Fund's investment and religious requirements. The returns may be lower or higher than if decisions were based solely on investment considerations. The method of security selection may or may not be successful and the Fund may underperform or outperform the stock market as a whole. All mutual funds are subject to market risk, including possible loss of principal. The Fund's investments in small- and mid-capitalization companies could experience greater volatility than investments in large-capitalization companies. AVEAX is classified as non-diversified and may therefore invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a limited number of issuers than a fund that is diversified. At times, the Fund may overweight a position in a particular issuer or emphasize investment in a limited number of issuers, industries or sectors, which may cause its share price to be more susceptible to any economic, business, political or regulatory occurrence affecting an issuer than a fund that is more widely diversified. The issuers that the Fund may emphasize will vary from time to time.

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