



AVE MARIA GROWTH FUND

Q4 2018 COMMENTARY

For the three months ended December 31, 2018, the total return on the Ave Maria Growth Fund (AVEGX) was -13.51%, compared to the S&P 500® Index, which returned -13.52%. The returns for the Ave Maria Growth Fund compared to its benchmark as of December 31, 2018 were:

	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.^	5 Yrs.^	10 Yrs.^	Since Inception^*	Prospectus Expense Ratio
Ave Maria Growth Fund	-1.80%	11.91%	7.95%	13.52%	10.37%	0.97%
S&P 500® Index	-4.38%	9.26%	8.49%	13.12%	8.84%	

^ Annualized * Since Inception date is 5-1-2003

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.

For the first six months, four of the top five return contributors were also among the Fund's top holdings. In 2018, top contributors to return included O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., Mastercard Incorporated, Medtronic PLC, TJX Companies, Inc. and Visa, Inc. Top detractors from return included Moody's Corporation, Rockwell Automation, Inc., AutoNation, Inc., FedEx Corporation and Brookfield Asset Management, Inc.

S&P Global, Inc. (credit ratings, indices, data and analytics provider) was the one new addition to the Fund during the fourth quarter. Here is our rationale for buying S&P Global:

- S&P Global's credit ratings business is part of an oligopoly (with Moody's and Fitch), comprising 95% of the ratings market. The company is positioned to remain a credit ratings leader because time-constrained issuers typically meet with no more than a few rating agencies. Additionally, investors want comparability across asset classes, geographies, and time horizons. S&P's ratings business generates a high operating margin in the mid-50% area, and it's other businesses also generate high margins.

The broad market sell-off during the fourth quarter resulted in the prices of many companies reaching deep discounts to our estimate of intrinsic value. As such, we increased the position size of 12 existing companies in the Fund, with a focus on some of the Fund's most extraordinary companies. Therefore, the Fund's cash balance decreased to 1.5% and some positions were exited, including 3M Company (diversified industrial and consumer products), Liberty Formula One (sport league operator), Linde PLC (industrial gases), MSC Industrial Direct (industrial distribution), Ross Stores, Inc. (off-price retail), and TJX Companies, Inc. (off-price retail). These are all great companies and remain on our "farm team" for future consideration.

Our goal remains to purchase shares of exceptional companies at attractive prices to produce favorable returns over the long run. Our team continues to spend considerable time searching for companies that fit our quality and price requirements.

We appreciate your participation in the Ave Maria Growth Fund.



AVE MARIA GROWTH FUND

Q4 2018 COMMENTARY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

As of 12-31-18, the holding percentages of the stocks mentioned in this commentary are as follows: O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. (3.0%), Mastercard Incorporated (4.6%), Medtronic PLC (3.7%), Visa, Inc. - CL A (4.5%), Moody's Corporation (2.7%), Rockwell Automation, Inc. (3.6%), AutoNation, Inc. (2.0%), FedEx Corporation (2.5%), Brookfield Asset Management, Inc. (4.1%) and S&P Global, Inc. (2.2%). 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 12-31-18: Mastercard Incorporated (4.6%), Copart, Inc. (4.6%), The Charles Schwab Corp. (4.5%), Visa, Inc. Class A (4.5%), SBA Communications Corp. (4.1%), Brookfield Asset Management, Inc. (4.1%), O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. (3.7%), Medtronic PLC (3.7%), Rockwell Automation, Inc. (3.6%) and Roper Technologies, Inc. (3.5%). The most current available data regarding portfolio holdings can be found on our website, www.avemariafunds.com.

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.

The investment performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. Performance data reflects certain fee waivers and reimbursements. Without such waivers, performance would have been lower. The S&P 500[®] Index is a capitalization weighted unmanaged index of 500 widely traded stocks, created by Standard & Poor's. The index is considered to represent the performance of the stock market in general. Indexes do not incur fees and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Request a prospectus, which includes investment objectives, risks, fees, expenses and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing. The prospectus can be obtained by calling 1-866-283-6274 or online at www.avemariafunds.com. Distributed by Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC.



AVE MARIA
MUTUAL FUNDS

1-866-AVE-MARIA (1-866-283-6274)

avemariafunds.com

02-03-041519