

## Portfolio Management

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## Fund Details

Share Class	Ticker	CUSIP
Investor	FDYRX	34986P291
Institutional	FDYTX	34986P283
Class A	FDYAX	34986P275

Advisor: Forward Management, LLC

Category: Large Blend

Benchmark: Russell 3000 Index

Dividend Frequency: Quarterly

Net Assets: \$9.75M

Management Fee: 0.80%

## Expense Ratio

Share Class	Inception Date	Gross	Net
Investor	12/31/14	3.14	1.34
Institutional	07/31/13	2.79	0.99
Class A	07/31/13	3.29	1.49

## Objective

The fund seeks total return, with dividend and interest income being an important component of that return, while exhibiting less downside volatility than the Russell 3000 Index.

## Overview

The fund invests in high-quality companies with strong financials and identifiable sustained competitive advantages to target a higher average yield and lower volatility than the benchmark. Portfolio companies range across all market caps.

- The broadly diversified portfolio aims to invest in high-quality stocks, is relatively sector neutral and targets an above market yield with lower risk than the benchmark.
- The team combines proprietary quantitative screens and extensive fundamental research to select companies with positive current earnings and reasonable valuations.
- The small and mid cap holdings feature companies that provide positive free cash flow while the large cap holdings emphasize companies offering higher relative dividend yields, dividend growth potential and anticipated stock price appreciation.

## Performance (%)

	Q2	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Since Inception
Investor	0.99	2.22	12.48	11.66	—	—	9.80
Institutional	1.06	2.40	12.86	12.09	—	—	11.30
Class A @NAV*	0.93	2.15	12.32	11.52	—	—	10.76
Class A @MOP**	-4.86	-3.72	5.87	9.34	—	—	9.43
Russell 3000 Index	3.89	3.22	14.78	11.58	—	—	—

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized.

\* Excludes sales charge.

\*\* Reflects effects of the fund's maximum sales charge of 5.75%.

Performance figures and other portfolio data shown for periods prior to November 3, 2015, do not reflect the current portfolio manager's performance or strategy. Under an expense limitation agreement, the investment advisor has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or reimburse or pay operating expenses of the fund to the extent necessary to maintain the fund's total operating expenses at 1.34% for Investor Class, 0.99% for Institutional Class and 1.49% for Class A shares, excluding certain expenses, such as taxes, brokerage commissions, interest, short dividend expense, any acquired fund fees and expenses, litigation and extraordinary expenses. This expense limitation agreement expires on April 30, 2019, and may only be modified or terminated by a majority vote

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## Calendar Year Performance (% at NAV)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Investor	—	-4.82	17.44	21.36
Institutional	16.75	-4.45	17.89	21.75
Class A	16.19	-4.92	17.31	21.13
Russell 3000 Index	12.56	0.48	12.74	21.13

Effective November 3, 2015, the principal investment strategies and benchmark of Salient US Dividend Signal Fund were changed.

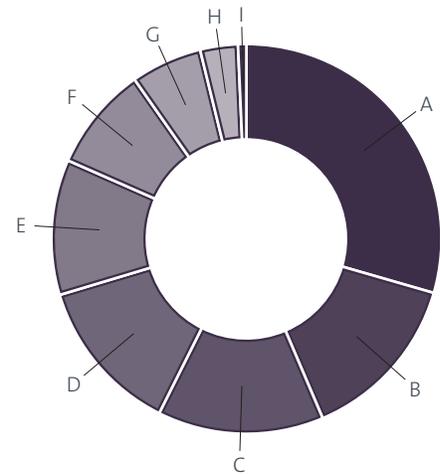
# Salient US Dividend Signal Fund

## Risk Characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark
Beta	0.68	1.00
Correlation	0.88	1.00
Standard Deviation	11.63	14.98

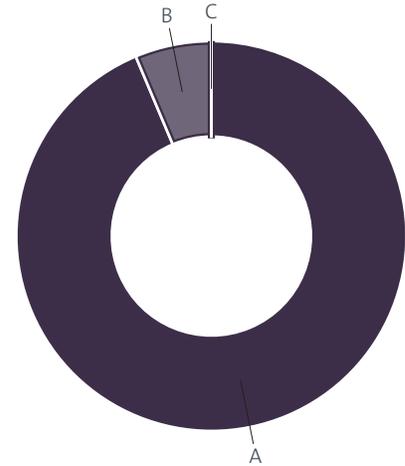
## Sector Allocation (ex-cash)

A Information Technology	29.47%
B Financials	14.13%
C Industrials	13.78%
D Healthcare	12.98%
E Consumer Discretionary	11.24%
F Consumer Staples	8.67%
G Energy	5.91%
H Materials	3.13%
I Other	0.69%



## Market Capitalization Allocation (\$ ex-cash)

A Large (>10B)	93.66%
B Mid (2-10B)	6.34%
C Small (<2B)	0.00%



These allocations may not reflect the current or future positions in the portfolio. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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### RISKS

There are risks involved with investing, including loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results, share prices will fluctuate and you may have a gain or loss when you redeem shares.

Borrowing for investment purposes creates leverage, which can increase the risk and volatility of a fund. Debt securities are subject to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, the value of debt securities generally declines. Debt securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and more volatile than securities with shorter durations.

Derivative instruments involve risks different from those associated with investing directly in securities and may cause, among other things, increased volatility and transaction costs or a fund to lose more

than the amount invested.

Investing in smaller companies generally will present greater investment risks, including greater price volatility, greater sensitivity to changing economic conditions and less liquidity than investing in larger, more mature companies. Diversification does not assure profit or protect against risk.

There is no guarantee the companies in our portfolio will continue to pay dividends.

Russell 3000 Index is a market capitalization weighted equity index maintained by the Russell Investment Group that seeks to be a benchmark of the entire U.S. stock market. The index is composed of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies and represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

Cash flow measures the cash generating capability of a company by adding non-cash charges (e.g., depreciation) and interest expense to pretax income.

Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

Valuation is the process of determining the current worth

of an asset or company.

Volatility is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

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