Goal/Approach
The fund seeks long-term total return. To pursue this goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of companies located in the United States. The fund may invest in the securities of companies of any market capitalization. The fund’s sub-investment adviser, Walter Scott & Partners Limited (Walter Scott), seeks investment opportunities in companies with fundamental strengths that indicate the potential for sustainable growth. Walter Scott does not use benchmark indices as a tool for active portfolio management.

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Class A 05587K74
Class C 05587K75
Class I 05587K76

Assets for the Fund
$614,272,773

Holdings
49

Dividend Frequency
Annually

Morningstar Category
Large Growth

Lipper Category
Multi-Cap Growth Funds

WALTER SCOTT
Investment Adviser
BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.

Growth of a $10,000 Investment
A hypothetical $10,000 investment in the fund’s Class A shares on 5/30/08 would have been worth $27,170 on 6/30/19.

This does not reflect the 5.75% maximum front-end sales load applicable to Class A shares which, if reflected, would have lowered performance. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for the fund’s other share classes would vary.

Historical Performance (CL.I @ NAV)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Return</th>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>31.02%</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>13.30%</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>5.71%</td>
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<td>2012</td>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>24.83%</td>
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Average Annual Total Returns (6/30/19)

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<th>Share Class/Inception Date</th>
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<td>Class A (NAV) 05/30/08</td>
<td>19.46%</td>
<td>4.67%</td>
<td>13.41%</td>
<td>15.53%</td>
<td>10.44%</td>
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<td>Class A (5.75% max. load)</td>
<td>12.58%</td>
<td>-1.34%</td>
<td>6.87%</td>
<td>13.27%</td>
<td>9.14%</td>
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<td>Class C (NAV) 05/30/08</td>
<td>19.08%</td>
<td>4.48%</td>
<td>12.58%</td>
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<td>Class C (1.00% max. CDSC)</td>
<td>18.08%</td>
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<td>Class I (NAV) 05/30/08</td>
<td>19.68%</td>
<td>4.76%</td>
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<td>MSCI USA Index^4</td>
<td>18.44%</td>
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The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate and an investor’s shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance for periods less than 1 year are not annualized. Go to im.bnymellon.com for the fund’s most recent month-end returns. The net expense ratio(s) reflect a contractual expense reduction agreement through 3/29/2020. Total Expense Ratios: Class A 1.25%, Class C 2.35%, Class I 0.82%. Net Expense Ratios: Class A 1.15%, Class C 1.90%, Class I 0.82%. Not all classes of shares may be available to all investors or through all broker/dealer platforms.

^Investors should consider, when deciding whether to purchase a particular class of shares, the investment amount, class restrictions, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. ^Portfolio composition is as of 06/30/2019 and is subject to change at any time. ^Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. ^Source: FactSet. Reflects reinvestment of net dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. The MSCI USA Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. market. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

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Asset Allocation

- Common Stock; Domestic: 97.89%
- Net Cash (Liabilities): 2.11%

Top Ten Holdings

1. Manhattan Associates: 2.63%
2. Cerner: 2.60%
3. Mastercard: 2.51%
4. Adobe Systems: 2.43%
5. Linde: 2.43%
6. TE Connectivity: 2.42%
7. Microsoft: 2.38%
8. Hexcel: 2.35%
9. Cisco Systems: 2.29%
10. Amphenol: 2.25%

The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell a security. Large concentrations can increase share price volatility.

Top Sectors and Industries

1. Information Technology: 31.90%
2. Health Care: 21.29%
3. Consumer Discretionary: 15.15%
4. Industrials: 12.07%
5. Materials: 6.72%
6. Energy: 4.71%
7. Communication Services: 4.14%
8. Consumer Staples: 4.01%

Portfolio Management

The fund’s investment adviser is BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. has engaged its affiliate, Walter Scott & Partners Limited, to serve as the fund’s sub-investment adviser. Investment decisions for the fund have been made since the fund’s inception in 2008 by Walter Scott’s Investment Team, which is overseen by Walter Scott’s Investment Management Committee (IMC). The members of the Investment Team with the most significant responsibility for day-to-day management of the fund and who also have this responsibility with the IMC are: Roy Leckie, a director of Walter Scott and co-leader of the IMC; Charlie Macquaker, a director of Walter Scott and co-leader of the IMC; and Jane Henderson, Managing Director of Walter Scott.

Risks: Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, to varying degrees. Small and midsized company stocks tend to be more volatile and less liquid than larger company stocks as these companies are less established and have more volatile earnings histories.

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