BNY Mellon Equity Income Fund

Class A  DQIAAX ★★★★
Class C  DQICX
Class I  DQIRX ★★★★
Class Y  DQIYX ★★★★

Morningstar Rating™ based on risk-adjusted returns as of 9/30/2019 for the fund's Class A, I and Y shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Overall rating for the Large Value category. Fund ratings are out of 5 stars: Overall 4 stars Class A, I and Y (1090 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 3 stars Class A and I and 4 stars Class Y (1090 funds rated); 5 Yrs. 4 stars Class A, I and Y (944 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 4 stars Class A, I and Y (extended rating) (693 funds rated). Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

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Class A  05588E801
Class C  05588E702
Class I  05588E603
Class Y  05588E207

Assets for the Fund
$1,038,977,427

Holdings2
102

Dividend Frequency
Monthly

Morningstar Category
Large Value

Lipper Category
Equity Income Funds

Investment Professionals

Mellon is a global multi-specialist investment manager dedicated to serving our clients with a full spectrum of research-driven solutions.

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 7/5/06 would have been worth $26,629 on 9/30/19.

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)3

Average Annual Total Returns (9/30/19)1
Share Class/Inception Date  3 M  YTD  1 Yr  3 Yr  5 Yr  10 Yr
Class A (NAV) 07/05/06  2.05%  13.62%  -0.46%  10.00%  8.39%  11.68%
Class A (5.75% max. load)  -3.84%  7.06%  -6.16%  7.85%  7.11%  11.02%
Class C (NAV) 07/05/06  1.89%  13.00%  -1.16%  9.18%  7.60%  10.85%
Class C (1.00% max. CDSC)  0.89%  12.00%  -2.11%  9.18%  7.60%  10.85%
Class I (NAV) 07/05/06  2.16%  13.88%  -0.18%  10.28%  8.67%  11.96%
Class Y (NAV) 07/05/13  2.10%  13.89%  -0.17%  10.52%  8.78%  11.95%
S&P 500® Index1  1.70%  20.55%  4.25%  13.39%  10.84%  13.24%

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 is 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 9/30/2020. Total Expense Ratios: Class A 1.14%, Class C 1.83%, Class I 0.83%, Class Y 0.77%. Net Expense Ratios: Class A 1.03%, Class C 1.78%, Class I 0.78%, Class Y 0.77%. Not all classes of shares may be available to all investors or through all broker/dealer platforms.

1The total return performance figures for Class Y shares of the fund represent the performance of the fund's Class A shares for periods prior to 7/1/2013, the inception date for Class Y shares, and the performance of Class Y from that inception date. Performance reflects the applicable class' distribution/servicing fees since the inception date. Investors should consider, when deciding whether to purchase a particular class of shares, the investment amount, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. Portfolio composition is as of 9/30/2019 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. The S&P 500® Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

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Class C DQIC X
Class I DQIR X ★★★★
Class Y DQIY X ★★★★

Asset Allocation

- Common Stock: Domestic 99.09%
- Short Term 0.69%
- Net Cash (Liabilities) 0.22%

Top Ten Holdings

- Microsoft 3.99%
- Apple 3.90%
- Bristol-Myers Squibb 2.89%
- AT&T 2.88%
- Amazon.com 2.87%
- Verizon Communications 2.87%
- JP Morgan Chase & Co. 2.39%
- Gilead Sciences 2.32%
- United Parcel Service 2.23%
- Chevron 2.17%

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

Sector Allocation

- BNY Mellon Equity Income Fund
- S&P 500® Index

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<td>Communication Services</td>
<td>11.21%</td>
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Goal/Approach

The fund seeks total return (consisting of capital appreciation and income). This objective may be changed by the fund's board, upon 60 days' prior notice to shareholders.

To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities. The fund seeks to focus on dividend-paying stocks and other investments and investment techniques that provide income.

Portfolio Management

The fund's investment adviser is BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. Investment decisions for the fund are made by members of the Multi-Factor Equity Team of Mellon Investments Corporation (Mellon), an affiliate of BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. The team members are C. Wesley Boggs, William S. Cazalet, CAIA, Peter D. Goslin, CFA and Syed A. Zamil, CFA. Mr. Boggs has served as a primary portfolio manager of the fund since May 2011. Mr. Cazalet has served as a primary portfolio manager of the fund since December 2014. Mr. Goslin has served as a primary portfolio manager of the fund since February 2015 and Mr. Zamil has served as primary portfolio manager of the fund since March 2017. Mr. Boggs is a director and senior portfolio manager at Mellon. Mr. Cazalet is a managing director and head of Multi-Factor Equity Strategies at Mellon. Mr. Goslin is a director and senior portfolio manager at Mellon. Mr. Zamil is a managing director at Mellon. Mellon investment professionals manage the fund in their capacity as employees of BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of a mutual fund carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, or a summary prospectus, if available, that contains this and other information about a fund, contact your financial advisor or visit im.bnymellon.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing. Investors should discuss with their advisor the eligibility requirements for Class I and Y shares, which are available only to certain eligible investors, and the historical results achieved by the fund’s respective share classes.


*Source: Morningstar. The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or “star rating,” is calculated for managed products with at least a 3-year history. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product’s monthly excess performance (not including the effects of sales charges, loads and redemption fees if applicable), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Managed products, including open-end mutual funds, closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds, are considered a single population for comparative purposes. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. ©2019 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance no guarantee of future results. The fund represents a single portfolio with multiple share classes that have different expense structures. Other share classes may have achieved different results. Ratings do not reduce investment risk and are subject to change.

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2Source: Mellon Investments Corporation.

There is no guarantee that dividend-paying companies will continue to pay, or increase, their dividend.

Risks: Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, to varying degrees.

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