

Dreyfus Core Equity Fund

Sep 30
2018

Class A DLTSX Class C DPECX Class I DPERX

Goal/Approach

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stocks. The fund focuses on "blue-chip" companies with market capitalizations exceeding \$5 billion, including multinational companies. In choosing stocks, the fund first identifies economic sectors that it believes will expand over the next three to five years or longer. The fund employs a "buy-and-hold" investment strategy, which generally has resulted in an annual portfolio turnover of below 15%.

CUSIP
Class A 261978217
Class C 261978134
Class I 261978126

Assets for the Fund
\$161,520,000

Holdings²
47

Dividend Frequency
Quarterly

Morningstar Category
Large Blend

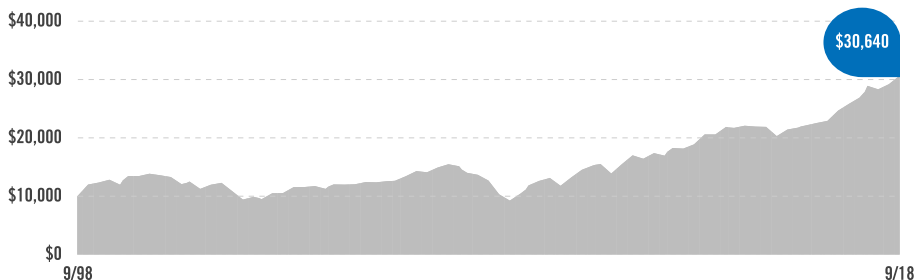
Lipper Category
Large-Cap Core

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Investment Adviser
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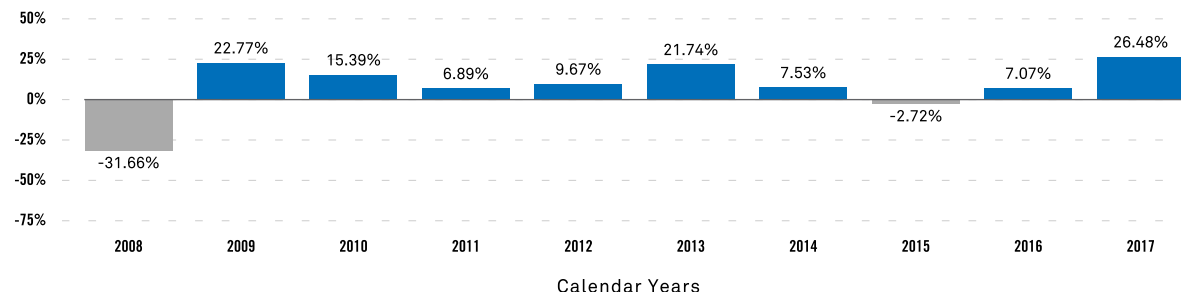
Growth of a \$10,000 Investment

A hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's Class A shares on 9/30/98 would have been worth \$30,640 on 9/30/18.



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



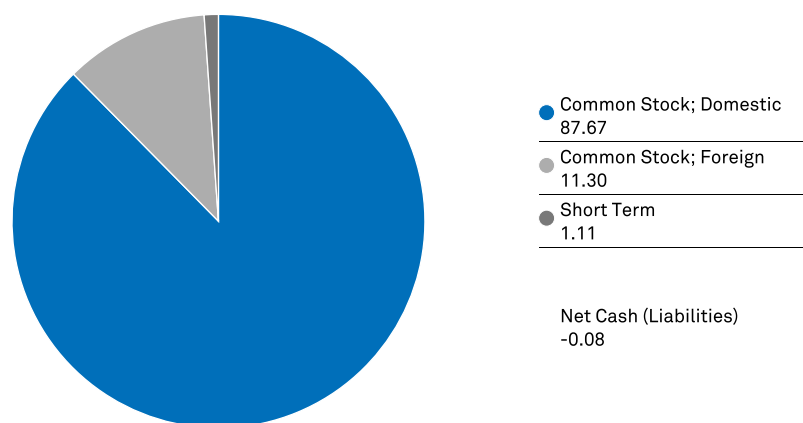
AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (9/30/18)¹

Share Class/Inception Date	YTD	3M	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Class A (NAV) 09/30/98	5.97%	4.94%	13.92%	14.71%	10.16%	9.22%
Class A (5.75% max. load)	-0.13%	-1.11%	7.36%	12.46%	8.87%	8.58%
Class C (NAV) 04/15/02	5.36%	4.69%	13.06%	13.89%	9.35%	8.42%
Class C (1.00% max. CDSC)	4.36%	3.69%	12.10%	13.89%	9.35%	8.42%
Class I (NAV) 04/15/02	6.20%	5.01%	14.24%	14.97%	10.42%	9.49%
S&P 500 Index ⁴	10.56%	7.71%	17.91%	17.31%	13.95%	11.97%

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. For funds with less than 1 year's history, year-to-date and 3-month performance are not annualized. Go to dreyfus.com for the fund's most recent month-end returns. The net expense ratio reflects a contractual expense reduction agreement that may not be amended without the approval of the fund's shareholders. Total Expense Ratios: Class A 1.36%, Class C 2.11%, Class I 1.11%. Net Expense Ratios: Class A 1.35%, Class C 2.10%, Class I 1.10%.

¹Investors should consider, when deciding whether to purchase a particular class of shares, the investment amount, class restrictions, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. ²Portfolio composition is as of 9/30/18 and is subject to change at any time. ³Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. ⁴Source: 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.

ASSET ALLOCATION (%)¹



PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The Dreyfus Corporation, the fund's investment adviser, has engaged Faye Sarofim & Co. ("Sarofim & Co."), to serve as the fund's sub-investment adviser. Sarofim & Co., subject to Dreyfus' supervision and approval, provides investment advisory assistance, research and the day-to-day management of the fund's investments. The fund is managed by a team of portfolio managers employed by Sarofim & Co., consisting of Faye Sarofim, Catherine Crain, Gentry Lee, Christopher Sarofim and Charles Sheedy. The team is supported by Sarofim & Co.'s Investment Committee, all the members of which are senior investment professionals at Sarofim & Co. Mr. Faye Sarofim, Co-Chief Investment Officer and Chairman of the Board, founded Sarofim & Co. in 1958 and has been a portfolio manager of the fund since 1990.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS¹

Apple	6.61%
Microsoft	6.34%
Facebook, Cl. A	4.96%
Alphabet, Cl. C	4.25%
Philip Morris International	3.91%
Visa, Cl. A	3.80%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.32%
Texas Instruments	3.28%
Exxon Mobil	2.77%
Chubb	2.69%

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

TOP SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES¹

Software & Services	19.97%
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	14.16%
Diversified Financials	9.11%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	6.61%
Energy	6.59%
Media	5.35%
Health Care Equipment & Services	5.22%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	4.93%
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	4.68%
Banks	4.34%
Transportation	3.94%

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 Dreyfus fund, contact your financial advisor or visit dreyfus.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing. Investors should discuss with their advisor the eligibility requirements for Class I shares, which are available only to certain eligible investors, and the historical results achieved by the fund's respective share classes.

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Risks

Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, to varying degrees. Investing in **foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities** involves special risks, including changes in currency exchange rates, political, economic, and social instability, limited company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and less market liquidity. These risks generally are greater with emerging market countries. **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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