

The year ended on a sour note for the Fund, as many former leading stocks continued their corrections that began in November. Again, the major indexes which are overweight the mega-cap stocks didn't reflect this weakness. But any portfolio manager that fishes outside the mega-cap waters knows how difficult last year was.

The poster child for this pain was once again the ARK Funds, with its flagship ARKK pulling back another -11% in December. Cloud stocks (CLOU) were down another -7% and Fintech (FINX) down a whopping -12%. That's a lot of damage to former leading stocks and sectors. One of the big boogymen has been rising inflation, which often spooks stock investors and can hit higher P/E stocks disproportionately. With the CPI hitting its highest yearly increase (+6.8%) since 1982, its understandable that stocks reacted.



Past performance does not guarantee future results

The rising inflation figures also put upward pressure on bond yields, which didn't help stocks. And the Fed poured gas on the fire when it signaled that it will be doubling the size of reduction of asset purchases (QE), so that it can finish around March. It also signaled that it expects to hike rates three times in 2022. So, there was a lot of hawkish commentary coming out of the Fed in December. For their parts, the ECB and BoJ also signaled that they will be further tapering their asset purchases.

The environment in December was also choppy due to the surge in the Omicron variant. This led to renewed shutdowns of some stores and business, as well as increased delays in travelling, people missing work, etc. In places like the UK and S. Africa, spikes in Omicron cases proved short-lived and peaked quickly before heading lower. Investors are hopeful that this will be what's in store for the U.S. as well as it deals with the surge in cases.



# ACM Dynamic Opportunity Fund

Monthly Commentary

December 2021

The **ACM Dynamic Opportunity Fund** (ADOIX) returned -1.42% in December, despite its benchmark closing in positive territory for the month. Leading contributors came mostly from defensive and cyclical areas, while laggards were from semis, retail, and select industrial.

The end of December capped off a difficult period for the Fund. As of mid-November, it looked like the Fund was on solid footing and setting up to end the year in decent shape. But the correction that started in mid-November hit the portfolio hard, with many of our stocks falling precipitously while hedges on the major indexes did little to cushion the losses. This can be a very frustrating environment for a Fund that is always focused on actively managing risk. What we can say, is that in the past periods like this did not last too long, and the Fund has always been able to bounce back from such periods in strong fashion. Let's hope past is prologue.

Happy new year to all our investors and thank you for your continued support.

*Sincerely,*

*Jordan L. Kahn, CFA  
Chief Investment Officer*

Sources: Standard & Poor's, Stockcharts.com, Morningstar, Briefing.com



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**Defined Terms:** S&P 500 Index- The S&P 500 index is an unmanaged composite of large capitalization companies. This index is widely used by professional investors as a performance benchmark for large-cap stocks. HFRX Equity Hedge Index–tracks strategies that maintain positions both long and short in primarily equity and equity driven securities. Morningstar Long/Short Equity Category- A composite of returns produced by Morningstar which can be used to compare the returns of other mutual funds in the same category. Long– the holder of the position owns the security and will profit if the price of the security goes up. Short- Short selling is the sale of a security that is not owned by the seller, or that the seller has borrowed. Short selling is motivated by the belief that a security’s price will decline, enabling it to be bought back at a lower price to make a profit. Derivative hedge – transaction that limits investment risk with the use of derivatives such as option contracts.

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There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will achieve its objectives, generate profits or avoid losses.

ETF’s are subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the underlying strategy of the fund. These risks could include liquidity risk, sector risk, as well as risks associated with fixed income securities, real estate investments, and commodities, to name a few. Investments in foreign securities could subject the Fund to greater risks including, currency fluctuation, economic conditions, and different governmental and accounting standards.

## Portfolio Management



### Jordan L. Kahn, CFA

Chief Investment Officer

Mr. Kahn has 25 years of experience in the investment industry serving as a senior portfolio manager, equity research analyst, and investment consultant. Mr. Kahn received his Master's of Science in Financial Markets and Trading from the Stuart School of Business at the Illinois Institute of Technology.



### Alan Savoian

Portfolio Manager

Alan has over 26 years of investment experience serving as a senior portfolio manager and equity analyst. Alan spent 18 years at William O'Neil & Co., where he successfully managed equities for the firm's proprietary portfolios.

## Fund Profile As of 12/31/2021

Inception Date 01/20/2015

Net Assets 105.6m

Style Hedged Equity

Benchmark HFRX Eq. Hedge Index

## Risk Metrics As of 12/31/2021

Beta (3-year) 0.44

R-Squared .49

Standard Deviation 10.92

Treynor Ratio 18.32

## Fund Overview

We strive to help our investors participate in the gains available from financial markets, while mitigating the downside risk

The ACM Dynamic Opportunity Fund is designed as a core investment for investors seeking long term capital appreciation with a short-term focus on capital preservation. The fund employs a dynamic strategy, which aims to actively participate during a rising market environment and mitigate downside risk when markets experience downturns.

## Performance As of 12/31/2021

	1-mth	3-mth	YTD	1 Yr*	3 Yr*	5 Yr*	Since Inception*
<b>ADOIX</b>	-1.42%	-1.29%	0.93%	0.93%	8.16%	8.10%	5.89%
HFRX Eq Hedged	1.70%	2.65%	12.14%	12.14%	9.09%	5.28%	3.55%
Morningstar L/S Category	3.17%	4.69%	18.05%	18.05%	11.04%	7.22%	3.06%
S&P 500	4.36%	10.65%	26.89%	26.89%	23.88%	16.31%	13.14%

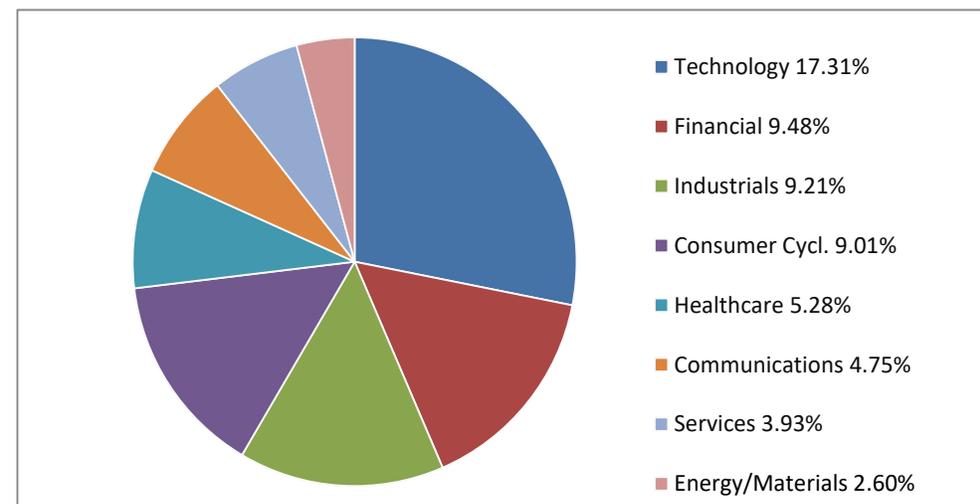
\*As of 12/31/21

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**The fund's maximum sales charges for Class "A" shares is 5.75%. Gross expense ratios are 2.07% for Class A shares and 1.82% for Class I Shares. The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and reimburse expenses of the Fund, at least until April 30, 2022, to ensure that the net annual fund operating expenses will not exceed 2.40% for Class A shares and 2.15% for Class I shares.**

**These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from each Fund within three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed. You should be aware that the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) may not be an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Although Class A Shares would have similar returns to Class I shares because the classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities, the returns for Class A shares are different from Class I shares because Class A shares have different expenses than Class I shares. Updated performance information is available at no cost by visiting [www.ACM-funds.com](http://www.ACM-funds.com) or by calling 1-844-798-3833. Actual Total Annual Operating Expenses of 1.95% for Class A and 1.70% for Class I from the prospectus.**

## Sector Weightings As of 12/31/2021



There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

Top 10 Positions	
Stock	Wtg
Alphabet, Inc.	2.75%
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.62%
PayPal Holdings, Inc.	2.23%
Microsoft Corporation	2.23%
Apple, Inc.	2.10%
Visa, Inc.	2.05%
Meta Platforms, Inc.	2.01%
Lululemon Athletica, Inc.	2.00%
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	1.98%
Trade Desk, Inc. (The)	1.92%

Fund Characteristics	
# Holdings	39
Avg. Market Cap	\$76,909m
Avg. P/E	20.1
Avg. ROE	33.7%
Gross Long Exposure	62.6%
Gross Short Exposure	-0.5%
Net Market Exposure	62.0%
Beta Adj. Exposure	72.5%

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk and change.

Yearly Returns	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
ADOIX	5.73%	-4.67%	17.86%	-0.97%	2.36%	22.47%	0.93%
HFRX Eq Hedged	-1.61%	0.10%	9.98%	-9.42%	10.71%	4.60%	12.14%
Morningstar L/S Category	-2.20%	2.34%	11.18%	-6.73%	11.90%	7.89%	18.05%
S&P 500	1.06%	9.54%	19.42%	-6.24%	28.88%	16.26%	26.89%

\*Inception Date 1/20/2015

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Mutual Funds involve risk including possible loss of principal. Adverse changes in currency exchange rates may erode or reverse any potential gains from the Fund's investments. ETF's are subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the underlying strategy of the fund. These risks could include liquidity risk, sector risk, as well as risks associated with fixed income securities, real estate investments, and commodities, to name a few. Investments in underlying funds that own small and mid-capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. Derivative instruments involve risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Investments in foreign securities could subject the Fund to greater risks including currency fluctuation, economic conditions, and different governmental and accounting standards. In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in securities of foreign companies, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues.

Investors bear the risk that the Fund may not be able to implement its investment strategies or attract sufficient assets. Purchased put options may decline in value or expire worthless and may have imperfect correlation to the value of the Fund's portfolio securities. Written call and put options may limit the Fund's participation in equity market gains and may amplify losses in market declines. The Fund's losses are potentially large in a written put or call transaction. If unhedged, written calls expose the Fund to potentially unlimited losses. The Fund will incur a loss as a result of a short position if the price of the short position instrument increases in value between the date of the short position sale and the date on which an offsetting position is purchased. Short positions may be considered speculative transactions and involve special risks, including greater reliance on the ability to accurately anticipate the future value of a security or instrument. The Fund's losses are potentially large in a short position transaction.

Price to Earnings (P/E) is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per share earnings. Gross Long and Short Exposure is the percentage in securities that are expected to rise and decline, respectively. Beta is a measure of systemic risk. R-Squared is generally interpreted as the percentage of fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. Standard Deviation is a statistical measurement. It sheds light on the historical volatility of that investment. The greater the standard deviation of a security, the greater the variance between each price and the mean, indicating a larger price range. Treynor ratio – A performance metric for determining how much excess return was generated for each unit of risk taken on by a portfolio. HFRX Equity Hedge Index – tracks strategies that maintain positions both long and short in primarily equity and equity driven securities. S&P 500 Index – tracks 500 individual stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry grouping, among other factors.

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