

CCM Core Impact Equity Fund*

About CCM

Community Capital Management, LLC (CCM) was founded in 1998 and is a pioneer in impact and ESG investing. The firm believes a fully integrated portfolio, one that includes impact and environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors, can deliver strong financial performance while simultaneously having positive long-term economic and sustainable outcomes. CCM provides impact and ESG investing solutions coupled with customized reporting to clients on the positive impact outcomes of their investments.

Firm Assets	\$4.4 Billion
Impact and ESG Experience	23 Years
Impact and ESG Initiatives¹	\$14.5 Billion Invested Nationwide

Key Takeaways

- With fears of recession weighing less on the minds of investors, stocks accelerated, and many below investment-grade bonds delivered positive returns.
- The Federal Reserve continued its attempts to curtail inflation, raising rates for a 10th time in May and signaling potential future rate hikes after a temporary pause in June.
- Performance dispersion among stocks widened as market attention moved from macroeconomic concerns to stock specific opportunities related to artificial intelligence (AI) technology.

Market Commentary

The overriding economic theme driving returns during the second quarter was the continued strength of the consumer. Despite inflation levels that remain more than double their pre-pandemic levels, the level of consumer spending surprised investors, many of whom had entered the quarter believing that the first quarter banking crisis would contribute to an economic slowdown. While economic growth did show signs of slowing during the quarter, it remained strong despite tighter lending standards and increased banking regulations on the horizon. The Federal Reserve remained steadfast in its efforts to bring inflation down to its 2% target, once again raising the federal funds rate in May, the 10th consecutive move since March 2022. In June, the Federal Reserve

decided to pause increases, leaving interest rates unchanged while noting its intent for future rises over the remaining two quarters of the year. Stock prices were volatile during the quarter but ended meaningfully higher as the Federal Reserve's June pause brought relief to investors previously concerned about the eroding effects of higher wages and borrowing costs on corporate profits. The S&P 500 Index² rose 8.7%, and the NASDAQ composite³ was up 13.1% in the second quarter. U.S. Treasury yields ended the quarter higher, contributing to negative returns in the investment-grade bond market where the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index⁴ declined 0.84%.

In fixed income, interest rates rose during the quarter between 18 and 81 basis points⁵ across the U.S. Treasury yield curve with the yield curve inverting further. The spread between the 2- and 10-year U.S. Treasury yields grew to 106 basis points, a level not seen since 1981. Concern over continued inflation was the key driver of interest rate and bond price volatility, particularly in May when longer-dated bonds declined by 2.72%, as indicated by the 10 year+ segment of the Bloomberg Aggregate Index. Despite the Federal Reserve's outlook for slowing economic growth and the signals of recession that are normally surmised from an inverted yield curve, bond investors seemed unconcerned during the quarter and preferred riskier areas of the bond market. This was particularly evident in the credit markets, where high yield corporates performed the best, as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, posting a positive return of 1.75% for the quarter. Investment-grade bonds declined, with the BBB-, AA-, and A-rated segments down 0.10%, 0.69%, and 0.99%, respectively. In other areas of the investment-grade market, U.S. Treasuries were the worst performers, declining 1.38% and Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) declined 0.64%. Spreads narrowed in all sectors of the bond market during the quarter except for Agency MBS, which remained well below their 20-year averages. While this seems to indicate that bond investors are not as concerned with a deep recession, positioning among mutual funds would suggest otherwise – the average sector and credit quality positions among mutual funds in the Morningstar Intermediate Term Core Bond category shifted meaningfully over the last year with Agency MBS going from underweight to overweight and corporate bonds experiencing significant reductions, particularly those in the lower quality BBB-rated and lower segments.

In equities, excitement around AI and flows into the largest market capitalization stocks continued to be the dominant theme for much of the second quarter. Large-cap stocks and stocks perceived as beneficiaries of growth in generative AI technologies were the major driver of index returns. This resulted in a significant lack of market breadth as the S&P 500 Equal-Weighted Index was up 4% in the quarter, underperforming the S&P 500's cap-weighted 8.7% return. However, toward the end of the quarter, equity investors seemed to change their sentiment around the possibility of a recession. During the month of June, a more upbeat outlook for the U.S. economy resulted in more broad-based gains for stocks. For the first time since February, the S&P 500 Equal Weighted Index outperformed the S&P 500 Index. Additionally, small-cap companies (as measured by the Russell 2000 Index), which are typically more economically sensitive, outperformed large-cap stocks (as measured by the Russell 1000 Index) for the first time since February.

Consistent with prior periods of high return dispersion among large-cap and small-cap stocks, valuations at quarter-end, as measured by the price-to-12-month forward earnings ratios, also looked quite different. Small-cap stocks seem attractively valued relative to their 10-year average while those of the largest growth companies, as measured by the Russell 1000 Growth Index, do not. Behind these broad market returns and valuations reside individual companies, each of which will benefit differently from this newest disruptive technological advance. AI has the ability to shift a company's business model, lessening its reliance on what has become an increasingly unreliable labor pool, enhancing not only profits, but the consistency of profits. The benefits of such structural AI opportunities, while seemingly broad, require thorough fundamental analysis on a company-by-company basis to determine not only the value to future profits but, more importantly, whether that future value justifies today's valuations.

Investment Objective

The CCM Core Impact Equity Fund (the Fund) seeks to provide long-term growth of capital.

Why Invest

The Fund seeks long-term growth of capital by investing in a portfolio of mid- and large-cap companies where earnings growth is expected to compound. The research process focuses on identifying companies with sustainable business models that are developed and executed by experienced and shareholder-aligned management teams and which include environmental, social, and governance (ESG) related factors in their assessment of opportunities and risks.

Share Classes

	Ticker	Inception Date	Expense Ratio
Institutional	QAGIX	1/1/18	1.70
Advisor	QUAGX	1/1/18	1.95

Portfolio Managers

Andy Kaufman

Chief Investment Officer

Industry Start Date: 2004
CCM Portfolio Manager Since 2015

Thomas Lott

Portfolio Manager

Industry Start Date: 1999
CCM Portfolio Manager Since 2013

Alex Alario, CFA

Portfolio Manager

Industry Start Date: 2015
CCM Portfolio Manager Since 2020

Portfolio Commentary

The CCM Core Impact Equity Fund's Institutional Share Class (QAGIX) was up 10.6% (net of fees) in the second quarter of 2023. Its benchmark, the S&P 500 Fossil Fuel Free Index, was up 9.2% in the quarter.

In 2022, the markets convulsed with inflation spiraling to over 9% at the peak while the Federal Reserve (Fed) raised rates at the most aggressive pace in history. Fortunately, inflation has slowed dramatically and so far, the economy has remained resilient. This year most market pundits called for a recession by mid-2023 and suggested that bonds would trounce equities. And yet, the market has rallied over 16% year to date with economic data remaining strong.

In 2022, technology and speculative growth stocks got hit hard. This year, a new mania has emerged. Buying stocks with exposure to artificial intelligence (AI) has pushed the mega-cap technology stocks to dizzying heights and valuations. It has been an extremely narrow rally, with the top seven names in the S&P 500 Index up on average 88.5% through June this year. It has accounted for 85% of the index's return, with the remaining 493 stocks up just a few percentage points year to date.

With GDP continuing to show growth, the debt ceiling debate resolved (for now), and the banking crisis in March seemingly behind us, stocks staged a broader comeback in June. On the negative side, consumer price index (CPI) data still indicates inflation well above the Fed's 2% target. While it paused with respect to rates in June, the Fed maintains a hawkish tone and is suggesting two more rate increases this year.

While unemployment rates will likely creep higher, consumer balance sheets continue to support spending, likely until year-end. Thus, we are not expecting a recession in 2023 but have our reservations about 2024. We have reduced some of our cyclical and financial names given elevated global macro concerns but remain bullish on many equities that appear to already be pricing in a downturn or are seeing growth resume.

Perhaps early, recession odds are moving higher as global central banks continue to raise rates in order to combat inflation. We have been adding to healthcare stocks and non-cyclicals that have lagged this year while keeping a balanced portfolio poised to benefit should the economy stay on track. Long term, we aim to buy high-quality, profitable growth companies and hold them in order to compound returns efficiently over time.

Inception date as of January 1, 2018. The funds may experience negative performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The fund recently experienced significant negative short-term performance due to market volatility associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of 06/30/23, the average annual returns for the CCM Core Impact Equity Fund's Institutional Shares for 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, and since inception were 13.93%, 12.71%, 10.18%, and 10.02%.

Performance quoted is past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. An investor's investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than your initial cost. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, call 877-272-1977. Returns over one year are annualized.

The top 10 holdings as of 06/30/23 are: MICROSOFT CORP (6.87%), QUANTA SERVICES INC (4.36%), ADOBE INC (4.35%), ALPHABET INC-CL A (3.19%), BROADCOM INC (3.08%), AMERISOURCEBERGEN CORP (3.01%), BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP (2.98%), GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC (2.91%), ALPHABET INC-CL C (2.82%), and UNILEVER PLC-ADR (2.78%). Holdings are subject to change.

¹Impact numbers are approximate figures ²The S&P 500® Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index consisting of the approximately 500 largest companies in the United States as measured by market capitalization. ³The Nasdaq Stock Market is an American stock exchange based in New York City and is the most active stock trading venue in the US by volume. ⁴Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based fixed-income index used by bond traders and the managers of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) as a benchmark to measure their relative performance. ⁵Basis point is one hundredth of 1 percentage point.

Important Information

There is no guarantee that a strategy will be successful. Mutual fund investing involves risk including the possible loss of principal. Common stock risks include the financial risk of selecting individual companies that do not perform as anticipated, the risk that the stock markets in which the Fund invests may experience periods of turbulence and instability, and the general risk that domestic and global economies may go through periods of decline and cyclical change. This fund involves Impact and ESG Risk. The Adviser may select or exclude securities of certain companies for reasons other than performance and, as a result, the Fund may underperform other funds that do not use an impact and ESG screening process. Impact and ESG investing is qualitative and subjective by nature. There is no guarantee that impact and ESG criteria used by the Adviser will reflect beliefs or values of any particular investor.

**The S&P Fossil Free Index is designed to measure the performance of companies in the S&P 500 that do not own fossil fuel reserves.

The S&P 500® Total Return Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index consisting of the approximately 500 largest companies in the United States as measured by market capitalization. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. The Statutory, and where available, the Summary Prospectuses contain this and other important information and are available for download at www.ccminvests.com or by calling 800.220.8888. Read carefully before investing.

Source: Fund data provided by Quaker Investment Trust. CCM is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

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*Effective October 28, 2020, the Fund's name changed from Quaker Impact Growth Fund to CCM Core Impact Equity Fund.

**Effective January 1, 2022, the Fund's benchmark changed to the S&P Fossil Free Index