# **CCM Alternative Income Fund (CCMNX)**

Monthly Recap - March 2017



#### % MONTHLY RETURN

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	YTD
2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.10	-0.25	-0.47	1.06	0.11	0.85	-0.09	2.31
2014	0.30	0.16	1.36	1.30	1.62	1.46	-1.06	-0.05	-1.59	0.11	0.76	0.13	4.53
2015	-0.09	0.43	0.25	-0.88	0.38	-1.05	0.36	-1.46	-0.27	0.38	-0.09	1.59	-1.47
2016	-2.39	-1.30	0.56	2.25	1.89	-1.72	1.23	1.33	-0.44	-0.33	0.72	0.75	2.47
2017	1.38	0.30	1.33										3.04

#### COMMENTARY

The Trump Bump showed signs of slowing in March with the S&P 500 up a modest 12 basis points ("bps") with banks a notable drag during the month. The treasury curve flattened (the 2 year yield increased by 6.6 bps while the 10 year yield decreased by 5.7 bps) with the Federal Reserve Bank increasing its funds rate by 25 bps. The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate finished down 5 bps for the month.

The fund paid a \$0.01853 dividend for the month and experienced positive performance across its book. There were no significant market exposure or duration changes during the month. Of note from a sector allocation standpoint, the fund rotated out of some high yield names which reached our price targets or were called into some interesting short dated callable Preferred securities. Adding low duration income fits the funds goals nicely. The investment grade fixed income sleeve was very quiet with taxable municipal spreads experiencing some widening.

The long short equity portfolio performed well despite a backdrop of value and dividend names underperforming growth names and little in the way of earnings news.

Looking forward, the investment team continues to seek income and value across the capital structures. As the political and global economic environment continues to take share, we feel the fund is poised to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Fund Highlights	3/31/2017			
Morningstar Rating	***			
Beta vs S&P 500	0.14			
Beta vs Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Index	-0.11			
Sharpe Ratio	0.74			
March 2017 Dividend	\$0.018535			

CCMNX was rated among 237 multialternative funds, based upon risk-adjusted returns.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The Fund's investment objective is to provide (1) a high level of current income consistent with the preservation of capital and (2) reduced correlation to conventional stock and bond markets.

Objective	Goal	Actual
Income (SEC 30-Day Yield)	3 Month T-Bill + 4.0%	4.87%
Volatility/Standard Deviation	2.0 to 4.0%	3.66%
Total Return 3/31/17	5% to 9%	8.99%; 2.82% (1-year; since inception)
Correlation to S&P 500	0.0 to 0.50	0.41
Correlation to Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Index	0.0 to 0.50	-0.09

All data from 5/31/13 (fund inception) to 3/31/17 unless otherwise noted. 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 share when redeemed may be worth more or less than your initial cost. To obtain the most recent month-end standardized performance, call 877-272-1977. Performance reflects fee waivers, which if not in effect, would have decreased performance. The total annual fund operating expenses is 2.83%. The net expense ratio is 2.76%. Waivers are contractual and in effect until 9/30/17. The annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers and expense reimbursements (other than acquired fund fees and expenses and dividend expense and prime broker fees on securities sold short) is 1.60%. The Fund's correlation targets and impact objectives were updated in the prospectus as of 4/29/16. Unsubsidized yield is 4.62%.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ATTRIBUTION**

The Fund once again met its income objective with a March dividend of \$0.018535, resulting in a 30-day SEC yield of 4.87%. Volatility remained within the stated goal. While one of the correlation goals is outside the band, the small negative number materially accomplishes the intent of minimizing correlation to the overall bond market. Total return continues to be a miss when measured since inception, but this is expected given the significant headwinds to value and fundamental focused investing over the last couple years. The one-year performance meets the return goal however, indicating that the tide may be shifting for fundamental value investors.

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The top 10 long holdings of the Fund (including % of assets) as of 3/31/17 are: FHA 023-98146 ST. FRANCIS: 6.3%, GMAC CAP(ALLY) PFD 8.125%: 4.1%, NEE 7.3% 9/1/67: 3.8%, ENERCARE INC: 3.7%, PIMCO DYNAMIC CREDIT INCOME FUND: 2.9%, CIM 8% PERP PFD: 2.9%, USDA GRAND PRAIRIE: 2.9%, MACQUARIE INFRASTRUCTURE 2.9%, WASHOE HWY-BABS 2.8%, CRESTWOOD EQUITY PARTNERS: 2.7%

The S&P 500 is a stock market index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies having common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate services, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. Indices are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.

<u>Beta</u>: the measure of a portfolio's volatility; <u>Correlation</u>: a correlation coefficient is a number between -1 and 1 that measures the co-movement between two random variables; the lower the correlation coefficient, the greater the diversification benefits; <u>Sharpe Ratio</u>: A manager taking on risk, as opposed to investing in cash, is expected to generate higher returns and Sharpe measures how well the manager generated returns with that risk. In other words, it is a measurement of efficiency utilizing the relationship between annualized risk-free return and standard deviation. It is calculated by dividing annualized returns less the risk-free rate by annualized standard deviation. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the historical risk-adjusted performance; <u>Standard Deviation</u>: a measure of the average deviations of a return series from its mean; used as a risk measure.

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Carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses. This and other information can be found in the fund's prospectus which can be obtained by calling 866-202-3573 or by visiting <a href="www.ccmalternativeincome.com">www.ccmalternativeincome.com</a>. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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