

# CCM Core Impact Equity Fund\*

## About CCM

Community Capital Management, Inc. (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. For more information, please call 877-272-1977 or visit: [www.ccminvests.com](http://www.ccminvests.com).

<b>Firm Assets</b>	\$3.6 Billion
<b>Impact and ESG Experience</b>	21 Years
<b>Impact and ESG Initiatives<sup>1</sup></b>	\$11.6 Billion Invested Nationwide

plateau in the vaccination rate, and new variants of the COVID-19 virus, stock market enthusiasm continued as the S&P 500<sup>2</sup> rose 8.6% during the quarter with total gains now exceeding 75% since hitting the COVID-19-lows of March 2020.

In fixed income, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index<sup>3</sup> (the Index) reversed its prior quarter's course and posted a positive return of 1.83%. Despite signs of continued economic growth, yields declined in the 5+ year segment of the U.S. Treasury yield curve, suggesting that the recent impressive economic growth rate may not persist into the future. While most all segments of the Index delivered positive returns, investors favored the riskier segments of the bond market with the BBB segment of the Index increasing by 3.71% vs. the 1.17% return of the AAA segment. Except for mortgage-backed securities (MBS), spreads narrowed across all major segments of the Index, pointing to investor confidence in not only the credit markets but in the continued technical support provided by the Federal Reserve's bond-buying program. While the MBS segment of the Index posted positive returns, spreads widened amidst concern of another round of refinancing in a lower interest rate environment. Longer duration<sup>4</sup> securities posted the best results as yields declined primarily along the 10+ segment of the curve with 10-, 20-, and 30-year Treasury yields declining by 0.29%, 0.31%, and 0.35%, respectively. While the debate around the future level of inflation continues, there is no denying the fact that the inflation-suppressing effects from technology and globalization have been exacerbated since the start of the pandemic. Looking forward, one of the biggest debates is whether the current supply shortages and record-level of government spending are enough to offset this disinflationary structural trend. The continued demand for bonds, despite the increased risk in the bond market, would suggest that inflation and rising rates are not a concern. The duration of the Index at quarter end was at a record high of 6.58 years, and 14.7% of the Index was in the lowest quality BBB securities, a level almost double that of August 2008. With historically low yields, investment-grade corporate bond spread levels reached lows not seen since 2005 and with the ratio of corporate debt to GDP at an all-time high, risk has become an even more important factor in the overall management of a bond portfolio.

In equities, the quarter's gains were once again impressive; however, in contrast to the first quarter, growth stocks led the way and value stocks lagged after their impressive recovery in the prior two quarters. The resiliency of corporate earnings and expectations for continued improvement have been remarkable. While the S&P 500 operating earnings per share growth declined by 22% in 2020, corporate earnings, particularly in the previously beaten-down energy, industrials, and consumer discretionary sectors, have seen sharp rebounds. Despite a subsequent increase in wages, and difficulty in filling open jobs, expectations for S&P 500 corporate profit growth in 2021 now exceeds the levels prior to COVID-19 as companies have found additional ways to become more efficient. Stock valuations across the major market indices remain high given the strong recovery in earnings expectations and appear more reasonable than where they were at the start of the year. However, the dispersion of valuations among stocks remains high. For example, in the S&P 500, the difference in price-to-earnings (PE)<sup>5</sup> multiples between the 20% most expensive and 20% least expensive stocks has grown to a level that far exceeds its 25-year average. We believe the large dispersion creates an opportunity for active investment managers to outperform their benchmarks through security selection. The current market backdrop also favors an equity strategy focused on higher-quality, more resilient companies. Most stocks have fully recovered from their 2020 lows and the persistence of economic growth is no longer a given; companies with profitable growth trajectories that are less tied to the economic cycle should be able to outperform their cyclical counterparts while also providing that desired margin of safety for when tomorrow's expectations fade.

## Key Takeaways

- Consumers unleashed their accumulated savings on the services they had been denied in the prior 15 months, leading to a full recovery in U.S. gross domestic product (GDP)
- Despite the rebound in economic growth, interest rates in the 5+ segment of the yield curve declined
- Equities were broadly higher, but in contrast to the first quarter, growth stocks outperformed value and cyclicals amidst questions around the durability of the current growth rate

## Market Commentary

Economic recovery was evident in the second quarter of 2021 as states across the U.S. lifted most COVID-19-related restrictions and consumers responded accordingly, unleashing their accumulated savings on the services they had been denied in the prior 15 months. This, combined with record government spending, resulted in the U.S. GDP fully recovering from the COVID-19-decline, and raising the International Monetary Fund's estimate of 2021 U.S. GDP estimate to 6.4%, from the 3.1% estimate six months ago. Between the acceleration in spending and the large number of unfilled jobs, the most hotly debated topic during the quarter was the future direction of inflation and whether the quarter's high level of inflation was "transitory" or here to stay. If interest rate moves were an indicator of inflation expectations, declining rates during the quarter would suggest that the current high inflation rate is temporary, fueled by a rebound in demand from last year's lows. And despite the headwinds of bottlenecks in supply chains, a

<sup>1</sup>Impact numbers are approximate figures. <sup>2</sup>Stock market index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies <sup>3</sup>Index measuring U.S. investment grade bond market. <sup>4</sup>Measurement of price's sensitivity to interest rate changes. <sup>5</sup>Ratio between a company's share price to its earnings per share.

## 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	1.84
Advisor	QUAGX	1/1/18	2.09

## 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

Jr. 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 7.7% during the second quarter of 2021. The S&P 500 was up 8.3% in the quarter. While the first quarter witnessed value stock outperformance and capital flowing into the "reflation trade," this took a backseat to technology again in the second quarter.

With global COVID-19 cases escalating to record highs in April and May, mostly due to the emergent Delta variant, technology and work-from-home names rallied anew. Our overweighting in financials and cyclicals slightly reduced our returns relative to the market a bit, but our long-term thesis remains intact. That is, the pandemic will slowly recede as vaccines continue to be distributed globally. With savings rates near 50-year highs, and unemployment rates falling, the economic recovery will likely have legs.

We also expect that inflation will likely exceed 3% this year and remain elevated in the mid-2% range next year. This bodes well for our banks, consumer discretionary names, and cyclicals. Growth stocks have lately been highly correlated to Treasuries, but with the 10 year at 1.35% today, we see little in the way of upside from a pure valuation perspective.

We also have built a portfolio that we consider high-quality growth. Valuations seem not to matter to some, but to us, they are critical. Investors who chased growth at any price in prior bubbles, namely buying the Nifty Fifty in the early 1970s or dot-com stocks in 1999 and 2000, suffered mightily in the ensuing years.

We remain heavily invested in several of the large-cap technology names, as their moats, profitability, and valuations are all impressive. Google and Facebook, for example, continue to trade at valuations 25% cheaper than their growth stock brethren.

History suggests that companies that generate substantial free cash flow while simultaneously growing earnings per share at above-market rates is a market-beating strategy. Overall, our portfolio looks to have similar growth rates in 2022 versus 2021 and yet trade at a 20% discount to the S&P 500. With the Fed continuing its quantitative easing program in 2021, we believe the risk/reward will likely continue to favor owning equities. After growth's torrent rally, taking profits and adding high-quality value names seems prudent.

We thank all of our investors for your support.

## Average Annual Returns% as of 06/30/21

	YTD	1 year	Since Inception
QAGIX	15.05	44.00	16.40
S&P 500	15.25	40.79	16.69

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 06/30/2021, the average annual returns for the CCM Core Impact Equity Fund's Institutional Shares for 1-year and since inception were 44.00% and 16.40%.

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The annual operating expense for the CCM Core Impact Equity Fund's Institutional Shares is 1.84% with an Inception Date 01/01/18.

The top 10 holdings as of 06/30/2021 are: Amazon Com Inc (5.79%), Microsoft Corp (5.66%), Facebook Inc (5.36%), Apple Inc (4.41%), Alphabet Inc (3.86%), Alphabet Inc (3.77%), Discover Financial Services (3.13%), Blackrock Inc (3.07%), Fiserv Inc (2.97%), Cigna Corp New (2.66%). Holdings are subject to change.

### Important Information

There's no guarantee that a strategy will be successful. Mutual fund investing involves risk including the possible loss of principal. Impact/ESG investing is qualitative and subjective by nature. There is no guarantee that Impact/ESG criteria used by the Adviser will reflect beliefs or values of any particular investor. 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/ESG screening process. Impact/ESG investing is qualitative and subjective by nature. There is no guarantee that impact/ESG criteria used by the Adviser will reflect beliefs or values of any particular investor.

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 period of decline and cyclical change. Recent Market Events Risk – The effects of COVID-19 may lead to a substantial economic downturn or recession in the U.S. and global economies, the recovery from which is uncertain and may last for an extended period of time. As a result of this significant volatility, many of the risks discussed herein associated with an investment in the Fund may be increased.

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](http://www.ccminvests.com) or by calling 866.202.3573. Read carefully before investing.*

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