

# **The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund II**



**WESTFIELD**  
CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

## **Westfield Capital Large Cap Growth Fund Westfield Capital Dividend Growth Fund**

**Semi-Annual Report**

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**Investment Adviser:  
Westfield Capital Management Company, L.P**

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The Funds file their complete schedule of investments of fund holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q within sixty days after period end. The Funds’ Forms N-Q are available on the Commission’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>, and may be reviewed and copied at the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Funds use to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, as well as information relating to how a Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-866-454-0738; and (ii) on the Commission’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**SHAREHOLDERS' LETTER**

Dear Shareholder:

Domestic stocks rose sharply in the six-month period ending April 30, 2017, propelling most equity indices into record territories. Their advance, which was catalyzed by the U.S. presidential election, began as a rotation into domestic cyclical growth with lower Price to Earnings, smaller capitalization companies leading the charge. The rally continued into 2017, supported by positive economic data at home and signs of improvements in the Eurozone and emerging economies. However, market leadership changed with the start of the new year. Cyclical and financial stocks pulled back as the “Trump trade” faded, giving way to high-quality, large market capitalization, growth-oriented companies, primarily within the Information Technology and Health Care sectors. Energy sold off and was the only segment to finish the period in negative territory. The defensive Consumer Staples, Real Estate, and Utilities sectors, prized by investors for their bond-like characteristics, underperformed.

The Westfield Large Cap Growth Equity Fund (the “Fund”), Institutional Class, returned 14.67% gross (14.25% net) in the trailing 6-month period ending April 30, 2017, lagging the Russell 1000® Growth Index (the “Index”), which advanced 15.23%. Weakness in the Health Care and Industrials sectors led to the majority of relative performance shortfall, outweighing relative gains within Consumer Staples, Real Estate, and Materials.

Health Care detracted 53 basis points (bps) from relative returns. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., a global biopharmaceutical firm with several FDA-approved drugs for the treatment of lung and skin cancers, was the Fund’s most notable source of relative weakness in the sector. Our investment thesis on the stock was based on the success and high visibility of the company’s immune-oncology franchise. However, in January, Bristol unexpectedly decided not to pursue an accelerated strategy to file with the FDA for its combination Opdivo /Yervoy drug for the front-line treatment of lung cancer. We think the announcement was not only damaging to the credibility of the company’s management, but it also increased the risk profile of the shares. While we continue to believe in the big opportunity for Optivo in other tumor types, our analysis of the company’s near-term risk/reward ratio prompted us to sell the stock. The Fund remains overweight the sector, with investments diversified across six sub-industries. We maintain sizeable exposure to health care equipment and continue to be bullish on biotechnology, where we have been opportunistic in adding to high quality franchises that have been impacted by market volatility.

Industrials detracted 44 bps from relative returns. The Fund’s investments in Industrials delivered uneven results, generating relative gains within cyclical growth

areas like airlines and railroads, and trailing the Index in more defensive categories, such as aerospace & defense and research & consulting services. Nielsen Holdings Plc, a provider of global marketing data collection and analytics services, was the sector's largest relative underperformer. The company disappointed Wall Street expectations on quarterly earnings at the end of 2016 and the stock has languished since then. While we continue to believe that Nielsen has a good upside potential longer-term, the lack of immediate growth catalysts contributed to our decision to sell the stock. Textron Inc., a manufacturer of aircraft parts, automotive products, and military equipment, was also a relative underperformer. Our analysis of aircraft purchasing trends among small business owners had been showing improvements in demand for small/mid-size business jets post the election, yet the company's earnings growth remained lackluster. While our confidence level in the company's aviation segment has increased, we decided to exit our position given we still have no tangible evidence of a recovery in its business jet segment.

The Consumer Staples sector contributed 49 bps to relative returns. The Fund's strategic underweight of the sector was the leading driver of the relative outperformance during the period. Generally speaking, Consumer Staples companies tend to have characteristics that are contrary to Westfield's investment approach, typically offering below-average earnings growth while trading at above-average valuation multiples. As few companies within the sector meet our growth and valuation criteria, we remain underweight the group. That said, we continue to evaluate investment opportunities within the sector, focusing on companies that offer, in our opinion, differentiated business platforms, strong free cash flow generation and disciplined management of that capital.

Materials added 19 bps to relative returns. The Materials sector performance was mostly driven by multiple expansion as investors continued to look through still sluggish growth to a policy-induced acceleration in earnings in 2018. We remain selective within the group, focusing primarily on the chemicals sub-industry where we believe we have found attractive relative growth and value opportunities. Celanese Corp., a global integrated producer of acetyl products and engineered polymers, was one of the Fund's best relative performers in the quarter. We think Celanese should continue to deliver strong earnings results, aided by organic growth in advanced materials, tuck-in acquisitions, productivity improvements, and deployment of free cash flow for share buybacks.

From here, we continue to track economic indicators and maintain on-going conversations with company management teams in search of increased clarity on the growth outlook moving forward. Additionally, signs from Washington on new policy proposals and their timeliness could help inform our assessments and remove

some of the uncertainty surrounding these issues. All said, we believe the current environment is becoming more favorable to active security selection as intra-stock correlations have receded and idiosyncratic drivers, such as earnings, are helping to determine asset valuations. In our opinion, these developments should favor bottom-up GARP (“growth-at-a-reasonable-price”) managers such as Westfield.

*Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns are preliminary and unaudited; unless otherwise noted they are presented gross of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income and the deduction of transaction costs. Actual net returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of management fees. As an example, the effect of investment management fees on the total value of a client's portfolio assuming (a) quarterly fee assessment, (b) \$1,000,000 investment, (c) portfolio return of 8% a year, and (d) 1.00% annual investment advisory fee would be \$10,416 in the first year, and cumulative effects of \$59,816 over five years and \$143,430 over ten years. The net return for the time period referenced can be found within the first paragraph of this commentary. Our current disclosure statement and fee schedules are set forth in Part 2A of Form ADV, which is available upon request. A GIPS Compliant Presentation also is available upon request.*

*The product is evaluated against the Russell 1000® Growth Index, which is designed to measure the large-cap segment of the U.S. growth equity universe. We have chosen this benchmark as it most closely represents the investment strategy discussed in this commentary. The product's holdings, characteristics, and performance may differ substantially from the benchmark and will therefore have different risk and reward profiles. Stock performance is based on price movement during the quarter or for the time held during the quarter.*

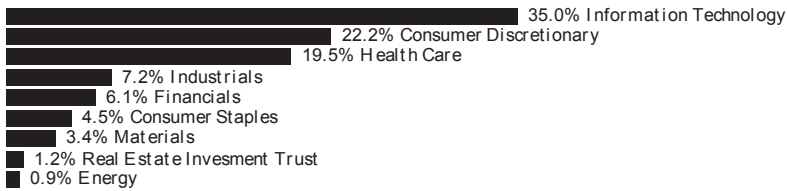
*A complete list of past recommendations is available by contacting Westfield's Marketing and Client Service department via email at [clientservice@wcmgmt.com](mailto:clientservice@wcmgmt.com) or 617-428-7100. The views expressed are those of Westfield Capital Management Company, L.P. as of the date referenced and are subject to change at any time based on market or other conditions. These views are not intended to be and should not be relied upon as investment advice and are not intended to be a forecast of future events or a guarantee of future results. The information provided in this material is not intended to be and should not be considered to be a recommendation or suggestion to engage in or refrain from a particular course of action or to make or hold a particular investment or pursue a particular investment strategy, including whether or not to buy, sell, or hold any of the securities mentioned. It should not be assumed that investments in such securities have been or will be profitable. Specific securities identified do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended.*

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### **Definition of Comparative Index**

The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**SECTOR WEIGHTINGS †**



† Percentages are based on total investments.

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**COMMON STOCK — 98.3%‡**

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

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*Percentages are based on Net Assets of \$120,401,679.*

\* *Non-income producing security.*

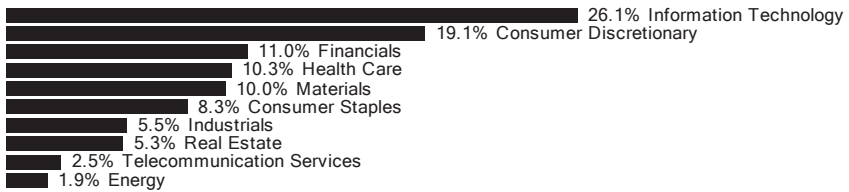
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*ADR — American Depositary Receipt*

*Cl — Class*

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**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Selected Per Share Data & Ratios  
For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Year**

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1. Organization:**

The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund II (the "Trust") is organized as a Massachusetts business trust under an amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated February 18, 1997. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company with 38 funds. The financial statements herein are those of the Westfield Capital Large Cap Growth Fund (the "Large Cap Growth Fund") and the Westfield Capital Dividend Growth Fund (the "Dividend Growth Fund") (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds"). The financial statements of the remaining funds of the Trust are presented separately. The assets of each fund are segregated, and a shareholder's interest is limited to the fund in which shares are held. Each Fund is classified as a diversified investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment objective of the Large Cap Growth Fund is long-term growth of capital by investing primarily (at least 80% of its net assets) in equity securities. The Large Cap Growth Fund is a diversified fund and focuses on U.S. listed common stocks with large market capitalizations that Westfield Capital Management Company, L.P. (the "Adviser") believes are quality companies with stock that offers the potential for future price appreciation. The investment objective of the Dividend Growth Fund is long-term growth of capital by investing in equity securities from a variety of economic sectors with a history or prospect of paying stable or increasing dividends. The Dividend Growth Fund is a diversified fund. The Dividend Growth Fund commenced operations on July 26, 2013 as a result of a contribution in-kind from a limited partnership managed by the Adviser. On this date, the Dividend Growth Fund issued 6,505,383 shares and acquired securities tax-free at their then current value of \$65,053,828, including unrealized appreciation of \$11,352,297.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies:**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies followed by the Funds. The Funds are investment companies in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"). Therefore, the Funds follow the accounting and reporting guidelines for investment companies.

*Use of Estimates* — The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and such differences could be material.

*Security Valuation* — Securities listed on a securities exchange, market or automated quotation system for which quotations are readily available (except for securities traded on NASDAQ), including securities traded over the counter, are valued at the last quoted sale price on an exchange or market (foreign or domestic) on which they are traded on the valuation date (or at approximately 4:00 pm ET if a security's primary exchange is normally open at that time), or, if there is no such reported sale on the valuation date, at the most recent quoted bid price. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the NASDAQ Official Closing Price will be used. Values of debt securities are generally reported at the last sales price if the security is actively traded. If a debt security is not actively traded it

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is valued at an evaluated bid price by employing methodologies that utilize actual market transactions, broker-supplied valuations, or other methodologies designed to identify the market value for such securities. Debt obligations with remaining maturities of sixty days or less may be valued at their amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Securities for which market prices are not “readily available” are valued in accordance with fair value procedures established by the Funds’ Board of Trustees (the “Board”). The Funds’ fair value procedures are implemented through a fair value pricing committee (the “Committee”) designated by the Board. Some of the more common reasons that may necessitate that a security be valued using fair value procedures include: the security’s trading has been halted or suspended; the security has been de-listed from a national exchange; the security’s primary trading market is temporarily closed at a time when under normal conditions it would be open; the security has not been traded for an extended period of time; the security’s primary pricing source is not able or willing to provide a price; or trading of the security is subject to local government imposed restrictions. When a security is valued in accordance with the fair value procedures, the Committee will determine the value after taking into consideration relevant information reasonably available to the Committee. As of \_\_\_\_\_, there were no fair valued securities.

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurement under U.S. GAAP, the Funds disclose fair value of their investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities that the Funds have the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 — Other significant observable inputs (includes quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, referenced indices, quoted prices in inactive markets, adjusted quoted prices in inactive markets, etc.); and
- Level 3 — Prices, inputs or exotic modeling techniques which are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (supported by little or no market activity).

Investments are classified within the level of the lowest significant input considered in determining fair value. Investments classified within Level 3 whose fair value measurement considers several inputs may include Level 1 or Level 2 inputs as components of the overall fair value measurement.

As of \_\_\_\_\_, all of the Funds’ investments in securities were considered Level 1, in accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurement under U.S. GAAP. For details of investment classifications, reference the Schedules of Investments.

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For the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, there have been no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 assets and liabilities. During the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, there were no Level 3 securities.

During the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, there have been no significant changes to the Funds' fair value methodologies.

**Federal Income Taxes** — It is the Funds' intention to continue to qualify as regulated investment companies for Federal income tax purposes by complying with the appropriate provisions of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to distribute substantially all of their income to their shareholders. With the exception of the accrued built-in gains tax associated with the in-kind transaction (described below), no provision for Federal income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

The Funds evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Funds' tax returns to determine whether it is "more-likely-than not" (i.e., greater than 50-percent) that each tax position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority based on the technical merits of the position. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold are recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. The Funds did not record any tax provision in the current period. However, management's conclusions regarding tax positions taken may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, examination by tax authorities (i.e., the last three open tax year ends, as applicable), on-going analysis of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

As of and during the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, the Funds did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Funds recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, the Funds did not incur any significant interest or penalties.

**Built-in Gains Tax from In-Kind Transaction** — The Large Cap Growth Fund received a contribution of portfolio securities from a C-Corporation that included a net unrealized built-in gain, for which potential tax liability is insignificant to the Fund. For income tax purposes, the Fund is required to track the net built-in gain and recognize an income tax liability when it is determined that it is more-likely-than-not that positions will be sold and gains on the securities realized. As of April 30, 2017, the Fund does not have a tax liability relating to the recognition of realized gain on certain securities contributed by the C-Corporation.

**Security Transactions and Investment Income** — Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Costs used in determining realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are based on the specific identification method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis from settlement date.

**Expenses** — Most expenses of the Trust can be directly attributed to a particular fund. Certain expenses are apportioned among the Trust based on the number of funds and/or relative net assets.

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**Classes** — Class specific expenses are borne by that class of shares. Income, realized and unrealized gains (losses), and non-class specific expenses are allocated to the respective class on the basis of relative daily net assets.

**Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders** — The Funds will distribute substantially all of their net investment income and make distributions of their net realized capital gains, if any, at least annually. All distributions are recorded on ex-dividend date.

**Investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”)** — Dividend income from REITs is recorded based on the income included in distributions received from the REIT investments using published REIT reclassifications, including some management estimates when actual amounts are not available. Distributions received in excess of this estimated amount are recorded as a reduction of the cost of investments or reclassified to capital gains. The actual amounts of income, return of capital, and capital gains are only determined by each REIT after its fiscal year-end, and may differ from the estimated amounts.

**Cash Equivalents** — Idle cash may be swept into various money market sweep accounts and is classified as cash equivalents on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Funds maintains cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed United States federally insured limits. Amounts invested are available on the same business day

### **3. Transactions with Affiliates:**

Certain officers of the Trust are also employees of SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the “Administrator”), a wholly owned subsidiary of SEI Investments Company, and/or SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the “Distributor”). Such officers are paid no fees by the Trust, other than the Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”) as described below, for serving as officers of the Trust.

A portion of the services provided by the CCO and his staff, whom are employees of the Administrator, are paid for by the Trust as incurred. The services include regulatory oversight of the Trust’s Advisors and service providers as required by SEC regulations. The CCO’s services have been approved by and are reviewed by the Board.

### **4. Administration, Distribution, Transfer Agent and Custodian Agreements:**

The Funds and the Administrator are parties to an Administration Agreement under which the Administrator provides management and administrative services for which the Administrator is paid an asset based fee which will vary depending on the number of share class and average daily net assets of the Fund. For the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, the Large Cap Growth Fund and Dividend Growth Fund paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \$ \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, for these services.

The Trust and the Distributor are parties to a Distribution Agreement. The Distributor receives no fees under the Agreement.

The Funds have entered into shareholder servicing agreements with third-party service providers pursuant to which the service providers provide certain shareholder services to Fund shareholders (the “Service Plan”). Under the Service Plan, the Funds may pay service providers a fee at a rate of up to 0.25% annually of the average daily net assets attributable to Investor

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Class Shares, subject to the arrangement for provision of shareholder and administrative services. For the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, the Large Cap Growth Fund and Dividend Growth Fund incurred shareholder servicing fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \$ \_\_\_\_\_, respectively. These fees represent 0.25% and 0.25% of the Net Assets of the Large Cap Growth Fund and Dividend Growth Fund, respectively.

DST Systems, Inc. serves as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent for the Funds under a transfer agency agreement with the Trust. During the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, the Large Cap Growth Fund and Dividend Growth Fund earned cash management credits of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \$ \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, which were used to offset transfer agent expenses. These amounts are labeled as “Fees Paid Indirectly” on the Statements of Operations.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. acts as the custodian (the “Custodian”) for the Funds. The Custodian plays no role in determining the investment policies of the Funds or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Funds.

### **5. Investment Advisory Agreement:**

Under the terms of an investment advisory agreement, the Adviser provides investment advisory services to the Large Cap Growth Fund at a fee calculated at an annual rate of 0.65% and to the Dividend Growth Fund at a fee calculated at an annual rate of 0.75% of the respective Fund’s average daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed (effective May 19, 2015) to waive all or a portion of its fees and to reimburse expenses in order to limit operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, extraordinary expenses, and Shareholder Servicing Fees (collectively “excluded expenses”)) for the Large Cap Growth Fund’s Institutional Class Shares and Investor Class Shares from exceeding 0.85% of the average daily net assets of each class until February 28, 2018. In addition, if at any point it becomes unnecessary for the Adviser to reduce fees and make expense reimbursements, the Adviser may retain the difference between the Large Cap Growth Fund’s Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (less excluded expenses) and 0.85% for Institutional Class Shares and Investor Class Shares to recapture all or a portion of its prior fee reductions and expense reimbursements made during the preceding three-year period. This agreement may be terminated: (i) by the Board, for any reason at any time, or (ii) by the Adviser upon ninety (90) days’ prior written notice to the Trust, effective as of the close of business on February 28, 2018. As of \_\_\_\_\_, fees for the Large Cap Growth Fund which were previously waived by the Adviser which may be subject to possible future reimbursement to the Adviser, up to the expense cap in place at the time expenses were waived, were \$93,503, \$94,609 and \$102,415, expiring in 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively. The Adviser has contractually agreed (effective May 19, 2015) to waive all or a portion of its fees and to reimburse expenses in order to limit operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, extraordinary expenses, and Shareholder Servicing Fees (collectively “excluded expenses”)) for the Dividend Growth Fund’s Institutional Class Shares and Investor Class Shares from exceeding 0.95% of the average daily net assets of each class until February 28, 2018. In addition, if at any point it becomes unnecessary for the Adviser to reduce fees and make expense reimbursements, the Adviser may retain the difference between the Dividend Growth Fund’s Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (less excluded expenses) and 0.95% for Institutional Class Shares and Investor Class Shares to recapture all or a portion of its prior fee reductions and expense reimbursements made during the preceding three-year period. This agreement may be terminated: (i) by the Board, for any reason at any time, or (ii) by the Adviser upon ninety (90) days’ prior written



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notice to the Trust, effective as of the close of business on February 28, 2018. As of \_\_\_\_\_, fees for the Dividend Growth Fund which were previously waived by the Adviser which may be subject to possible future reimbursement to the Adviser, up to the expense cap in place at the time the expenses were waived, were \$64,025, \$71,758 and \$96,822 expiring in 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively.

**6. Share Transactions:****7. Investment Transactions:**

For the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, the purchases and sales of investment securities other than long-term U.S. Government and short-term securities were:

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There were no purchases or sales of long-term U.S. Government securities for the six months ended

**8. Federal Tax Information:**

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period. These book/tax differences may be temporary or permanent. Permanent differences are reclassified among capital accounts in the financial statements to reflect their tax character. Temporary differences arise when certain items of income, expense, gain, or loss are recognized in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes; these differences will reverse at some time in the future. Differences in classification may also result from the treatment of short-term gains as ordinary income for tax purposes. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, they are charged or credited to undistributed net investment income (loss), accumulated net realized gain (loss) or paid-in capital, as appropriate, in the period that the differences arise.

Permanent book and tax basis differences which are primarily attributable to REIT adjustments, security related return of capital adjustment and built-in gain tax, have been classified to/ (from) the following for the year ended :

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These reclassifications have no impact on net assets or net asset value per share.

The tax character of dividends and distributions declared for the during the years or periods ended and October 31, 2015 were as follows:

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As of \_\_\_\_\_, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

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Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the Funds are permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses.

For Federal income tax purposes, the cost of securities owned at \_\_\_\_\_, and the net realized gains or losses on securities sold for the period, were different from amounts reported for financial reporting purposes, primarily due to wash sales which are temporary adjustments for Federal income tax purposes in the current period. The Funds had no capital loss carryforwards at October 31, 2016.

The Federal tax cost and aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments held by the Funds at \_\_\_\_\_ were as follows:

**9. Concentration of Risks:**

*Dividend Paying Stocks Risk* – The Dividend Growth Funds emphasis on dividend-paying stocks involves the risk that such stocks may fall out of favor with investors and underperform the market. Also, a company may reduce or eliminate its dividend.

*Equity Risk* – Since it purchases equity securities, the Fund’s are subject to the risk that stock prices will fall over short or extended periods of time. Historically, the equity markets have moved in cycles, and the value of the Fund’s equity securities may fluctuate drastically from day to day. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. These factors contribute to price volatility, which is the principal risk of investing in the Fund’s.

*Foreign Company Risk* – Investing in foreign companies, including direct investments and through American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”), which are traded on U.S. exchanges and represent an ownership in a foreign security, poses additional risks since

political and economic events unique to a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers. These risks will not necessarily affect the U.S. economy or similar issuers located in the United States. In addition, investments in foreign companies generally are denominated in a foreign currency. Changes in the value of a currency compared to the U.S. dollar may affect (positively or negatively) the value of the Fund's investments. These currency movements may occur separately from, and in response to the issuer's home country. Securities of foreign companies may not be registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and foreign companies are generally not subject to the regulatory controls imposed on U.S. issuers and, as a consequence, there is generally less publically available information about foreign securities than is available about domestic securities. Income from foreign securities owned by the Fund may be reduced by a withholding tax at the source, which would reduce income received from the securities comprising the portfolio. Foreign securities may also be more difficult to value than securities of U.S. issuers. While ADRs provide an alternative to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their respective national markets and currencies, investments in ADRs continue to be subject to many of the risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities.

**Growth Style Risk** – The price of equity securities rises and falls in response to many factors, including the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer of the stock, the value of its assets, general economic conditions, interest rates, investor perceptions, and market liquidity. The Large Cap Growth Fund may invest in securities of companies that the Adviser believes have superior prospects for robust and sustainable growth of revenues and earnings. These may be companies with new, limited or cyclical product lines, markets or financial resources, and the management of such companies may be dependent upon one or a few key people. The stocks of such companies can therefore be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies or the stock market in general.

## 10. Other:

At \_\_\_\_\_, the percentages held by a limited number of shareholders for each Fund (shareholder segments comprised of omnibus and accounts that were held on behalf of individual shareholders and in the Dividend Growth Fund, Institutional Class,

one record related party shareholder), each owning 10% or greater of the aggregate shares outstanding, was as follows:

	<b>No. of Shareholders</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>
Large Cap Growth Fund, Institutional Class .....	2	27%
Large Cap Growth Fund, Investor Class.....	1	100%
Dividend Growth Fund, Institutional Class .....	2	46%
Dividend Growth Fund, Investor Class .....	1	91%

In the normal course of business, the Funds enter into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Funds' maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Funds and, therefore, cannot be estimated; however, based on experience, the risk of loss from such claims is considered remote.

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**11. In-Kind Transactions:**

For the six months ended \_\_\_\_\_, there were no in-kind transactions for any of the Funds. During the year ended \_\_\_\_\_, October 31, 2016, there were no in-kind transactions for any of the funds.

**12. Regulatory Matters:**

In October 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") released its Final Rule on Investment Company Reporting Modernization (the "Rule"). The Rule which introduces two new regulatory reporting forms for investment companies – Form N-PORT and Form N-CEN – also contains amendments to Regulation S-X which impact financial statement presentation, particularly the presentation of derivative investments. Although still evaluating the impact of the Rule, management believes that many of the Regulation S-X amendments are consistent with the Funds' current financial statement presentation and expects that the Fund will be able to comply with the Rule's Regulation S-X amendments by the August 1, 2017 compliance date.

**13. Subsequent Events:**

The Funds have evaluated the need for additional disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. Based on this evaluation, no additional disclosures and/or adjustments were required to the financial statements.

**DISCLOSURE OF FUND EXPENSES**

All mutual funds have operating expenses. As a shareholder of a mutual fund, your investment is affected by these ongoing costs, which include (among others) costs for portfolio management, administrative services, and shareholder reports like this one. It is important for you to understand the impact of these costs on your investment returns.

Operating expenses such as these are deducted from a mutual fund's gross income and directly reduce your investment return. These expenses are expressed as a percentage of a mutual fund's average net assets; this percentage is known as a mutual fund's expense ratio.

The following examples use the expense ratio and are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with those of other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period (November 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017).

The table on the next page illustrates your Fund's costs in two ways:

- **Actual Fund Return.** This section helps you to estimate the actual expenses after fee waivers that your Fund incurred over the six month period. The "Expenses Paid During Period" column shows the actual dollar expense cost incurred by a \$1,000 investment in the Fund, and the "Ending Account Value" number is derived from deducting that expense cost from the Fund's gross investment return.

You can use this information, together with the actual amount you invested in the Fund, to estimate the expenses you paid over that six month period. Simply divide your ending starting account value by \$1,000 to arrive at a ratio (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply that ratio by the number shown for your Fund under "Expenses Paid During Period."

- **Hypothetical 5% Return.** This section helps you compare your Fund's costs with those of other mutual funds. It assumes that the Fund had an annual 5% return before expenses during the year, but that the expense ratio (Column 3) for the period is unchanged. This example is useful in making comparisons because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires all mutual funds to make this 5% calculation. You can assess your Fund's comparative cost by comparing the hypothetical result for your Fund in the "Expenses Paid During Period" column with those that appear in the same charts in the shareholder reports for other mutual funds.

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**DISCLOSURE OF FUND EXPENSES**

**NOTE:** Because the hypothetical return is set at 5% for comparison purposes — NOT your Fund's actual return — the account values shown may not apply to your specific investment.

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half period shown).

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