## Fund Performance

|  | 3 month | YTD | 1 year | 3 year** | 5 year** | 10 year** |
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| Bridges Investment Fund $®$ | $11.54 \%$ | $38.91 \%$ | $38.91 \%$ | $7.62 \%$ | $15.80 \%$ | $11.13 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 Stock Index | $11.69 \%$ | $26.29 \%$ | $26.29 \%$ | $10.00 \%$ | $15.69 \%$ | $12.03 \%$ |

** Annualized Return
Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Fund performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 866-934-4700.

## Growth of 10k and Annual Year Returns



This chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made 10 years ago. Assumes reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but does not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges or redemption fees. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance and represents past performance

## Portfolio Statistics



| Fund Facts |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Symbol: | BRGIX |
| Cusip: | 74316 P 652 |
| Dividend Policy: | Quarterly |
| Inception Date: | $7 / 1 / 1963$ |
| Minimum Investment: | $\$ 1,000.00$ |
| Manager Tenure: | Over 26 years |
| Fund Net Assets: | $\$ 207.9$ million |
| Total \# of Stocks: | 39 |
| Total \# Fixed Income: | 0 |
| Turnover Ratio: | $5.04 \%$ |
| Expense Ratio: | $0.75 \%$ |
| Sales Charge: | None |
| Redemption Fee: | None |

Top 10 Stock Holdings

| ALPHABET INC | $10.8 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| MICROSOFT CORP | $9.4 \%$ |
| APPLE INC | $8.3 \%$ |
| AMAZON COM INC | $7.3 \%$ |
| NVIDIA CORPORATION | $4.6 \%$ |
| MASTERCARD INCORPORATED | $4.5 \%$ |
| VISA INC | $4.0 \%$ |
| OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE INC | $3.9 \%$ |
| PALO ALTO NETWORKS INC | $3.8 \%$ |
| UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC | $3.3 \%$ |
| Total Top Ten Holdings | $\mathbf{5 9 . 9}$ |

Industry Allocation
(Top 12) (\% of stocks)

| Prof., Sci., and Tech. Services | $17.2 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Computer \& Elect. Product Mfg. | $14.8 \%$ |
| Publishing Ind. (Except Internet) | $12.6 \%$ |
| Admin \& Support Services | $9.5 \%$ |
| Insurance Carriers and Related | $8.5 \%$ |
| Nonstore Retailers | $7.3 \%$ |
| Secur., Commodity Conts. \& Other | $6.2 \%$ |
| Truck Transportation | $3.9 \%$ |
| Building Mat. \& Garden Equip. | $3.1 \%$ |
| Other Information Services | $2.9 \%$ |
| Funds, Trusts \& Other Related | $2.4 \%$ |
| Credit Inter. \& Related Activities | $2.1 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 0 . 5} \%$ |

## Ticker Symbol BRGIX

Cusip number: 74316P652
Toll free number: 866-934-4700

## Investment Update

For most investors, 2023 was the mirror image of 2022.
U.S stocks declined sharply in 2022 as interest rates rose sharply during the year. The S\&P 500 had a total return of $-18.11 \%$, the Russell 2000 had a total return of $-20.46 \%$, and the Nasdaq 100 had a total return of $-32.38 \%$, making 2022 one of the worst years for investors in several decades.

We believe that the marked change in investor behavior in 2023 was primarily due to two factors: 1) while interest rates were peaking in October, the trend in inflation data over the course of the year had begun to slow meaningfully, which prompted equity investors to begin to anticipate eventual interest rate cuts by the Fed (consensus expectations centered on Fed transitioning to a less hawkish stance by mid-2024), and 2) corporate earnings held in well during 2023, confounding many who expected the onset of a recession at some point during the year. A recession never materialized, and corporate earnings performance was strong enough to support higher stock prices and valuations across the year.

Entering 2024, we expect that those two factors - interest rates, and corporate earnings - will likely have a significant impact on the path of stock prices over the next twelve months, and beyond.

Fortunately, our success as investors is not dependent on our ability to predict events over a one-year period.

Rather, our success is determined by our ability to invest capital in businesses that have demonstrated an ability to grow their intrinsic value for shareholders over the long run, and which, based on our analysis, appear likely to be able to continue to generate financial performance in the future that is consistent with the strength and durability of their competitive advantage.

While we seek to be aware of the opportunity set in front of us in capital markets, our primary focus is on assessing the quality, growth prospects, and valuations of exceptional businesses that have durable competitive advantage, and the fundamental attributes of those businesses that will impact their ability to grow their value over a long investment horizon.

We expect significant capital markets volatility again in 2024, but we will seek to use elevated levels of volatility to opportunistically improve the quality of the portfolio's holdings and increase the portfolio's aggregate implied forward return.

Consistent with the last five years, we expect that 2024 will be challenging, volatile, and full of surprises. Our job is to continue to allocate the Fund's capital well within the context of a long time horizon, by investing in businesses that can compound shareholder value at attractive rates over the long-term.

In last year's annual shareholder letter, we noted that while 2022 was a difficult year (S\&P 500 down 18\%, the Fund down 29\%), history shows that stocks typically recover well in the five years subsequent to large equity market drawdowns, averaging $111 \%$ total returns over the five years off bear market lows.

From 2022's low on October 12 through year-end 2023, the S\&P 500 had a total return of $36.05 \%$, and the Fund had a total return of $43.85 \%$. The recovery that we believed would eventually occur is well underway, and while our near-term expectations are muted given the sharp advance in stock prices and valuations in 2023, we remain constructive on the long-term outlook for U.S. public equities in general, and the Fund's holdings specifically.

# Fund Management 

 Edson (Ted) L. Bridges III, CFA

Edson (Ted) L. Bridges III, CFA is the portfolio manager of the Bridges Investment Fund® Mr. Bridges has been responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio since April 11, 1997, when he was elected President of the Fund. He now serves as CEO, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Investment Officer of Bridges Investment Management, Inc., the Fund's investment adviser. He graduated from Dartmouth College and earned a J.D. degree from the University of Nebraska Law School. Mr. Bridges joined Bridges Investment Counsel, Inc. in 1983 and has been responsible for the Firm's securities research and portfolio management.

## Investment Strategy

The Bridges Investment Fund $\circledR^{\circledR}$ is a general equity fund whose primary investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. The Fund's equity investment process focuses on identifying companies which have superior revenue, earnings, dividend, and free cash flow growth and above-average profit margins, profitability and balance sheet quality.

Historically, the Fund has tended to primarily own larger companies, although at any time, the Fund may own small, medium, or large capitalization companies.

Normally, equity securities of U.S. companies will represent $60 \%$ or more of the Fund's assets. The Fund's secondary investment objective is the generation of a moderate amount of investment income.

The Fund may acquire investment grade corporate bonds, debentures, U.S. Treasury bonds and notes, and preferred stocks. Normally, such fixed-income securities will not constitute more than $40 \%$ of the Fund's portfolio.

## The Bridges Advantage

Focused - Emphasis on identifying companies with superior growth and profitability metrics, and attractive long-term market valuations.
Experienced - The portfolio manager has over 40 years of investment experience and has been managing the Fund for over 26 years.
Independent - The portfolio manager is supported by a team of seasoned financial analysts who Conduct independent fundamental research.
Cost Efficient - The expense ratio is lower than the equity mutual fund universe average.* The fund's low portfolio turnover minimizes transaction expenses.

## *Source: Morningstar

Committed - The portfolio manager and other Fund officers invest their own money in the Fund.
Proven - The Fund has a long track record of performance.

## Investor Profile

This multi-cap fund may be suitable core holding for an investor's overall portfolio should that investor desire to invest in the broad U.S. equity markets.

## Fund Objective

The Bridges Investment Fund ${ }^{\circledR}$ has a primary investment objective to seek long-term capital appreciation, with a secondary objective of generating a moderate amount of investment income.

The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectuses contain this and other important information about the investment company, and may be obtained by calling 866-934-4700 or visiting www.bridgesfund. com. Read carefully before investing.

The S\&P 500 Index is a broadly based unmanaged composite of 500 stocks which is widely recognized as representative of price changes for the U.S. equity market in general. You cannot invest directly in a specific index. The S\&P SmallCap Index measures the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market. The index is designed to track companies that meet specific inclusion criteria to ensure that they are liquid and financially viable. The S\&P MidCap Index provides investors with a benchmark for mid-sized companies. The index, which is distinct from the large-cap S\&P 500®, measures the performance of midsized companies, reflecting the distinctive risk and return characteristics of this market segment.

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. The Fund invests in foreign securities which involve political, economic and currency risks, greater volatility and differences in accounting methods.

Growth stocks typically are more volatile than value stocks; however, value stocks have a lower expected growth rate in earnings and sales.

Small and medium capitalization companies tend to have limited liquidity and greater price volatility than large capitalization companies. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for long-term debt securities. Earnings growth for a Fund holding does not guarantee a corresponding increase in market value of the holding or the Fund.

- Earnings per share: The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. Earnings per share serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.
- Price-Earnings ratio (P/E ratio): The ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its per-share earnings.
- Free Cash Flow: Measures the cash generating capability of a company by adding non-cash charges (e.g. depreciation) and interest expense to pretax income.
- Cash Flow: The net amount of cash and cash-equivalents moving into and out of a business.
- Dividend Yield is a financial ratio that indicates how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.
- Forward earnings are an estimate of a next period's earnings of a company, usually to completion of the current fiscal year and sometimes of the following fiscal year.

While the fund is no-load, management fees and other expenses still apply.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss in a declining market.

Opinions expressed are those of Bridges Investment Fund and are not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results, nor investment advice.

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