



## *Focused on Finding the Fundamentals of Growth in a Traditional Value Sector*

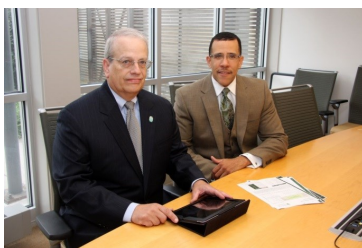
**Objective:** The Fund seeks long-term growth through capital appreciation. Income is a secondary objective.

The Fund invests primarily in stocks of community banks, insurance companies, and other companies related to the financial services industry. The portfolio is comprised of companies of various size, including smaller companies with a focus on stocks that pay dividends. At a minimum 80% of Fund assets are invested in stocks of companies primarily engaged in the banking or financial services industries. Typically invests a minimum of 25% in banks and savings & loans (S&Ls) and 25 % in diversified financial services. As a result of an on-going comprehensive risk assessment process the team seeks to control volatility by diversifying the Fund’s portfolio among subgroups or industries within the financial services sector. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment losses.

**Portfolio Management:** The Fund portfolio is managed by a veteran investment team with 60 years collective investment experience and has been defining investment opportunities together at Emerald since 2001. Collectively the team personally meets with over 200 company executives annually.

### Portfolio Managers

**Kenneth G. Mertz II, CFA**  
President & CIO  
Experience: 38 Yrs.



**Steven E. Russell, Esq.**  
Vice President  
Experience: 22 Yrs.

### Fund Details:

**Advisor:** Emerald Mutual Fund Advisers Trust  
**Dividend Frequency:** Annual

**Benchmark:** Russell 2000® Index  
**Category:** Sector

Share Class	Ticker	Cusip	Inception Date	\$ Minimum Investment	Expense Ratio Gross % / Net %
Class A	HSSAX	317609246	2/18/97	2,000	1.49 / 1.49
Class C	HSSCX	317609238	7/01/00	2,000	2.14 / 2.14
Institutional	HSSIX	317609212	3/19/12	1,000,000	1.19 / 1.19
Investor	FFBFX	317609220	3/16/10	2,000	1.54 / 1.54

***You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. A prospectus with this and other information about the Fund may be obtained by calling 855-828-9909 or by downloading one at www.emeraldmutualfunds.com. It should be read carefully before investing.***

There are risks involved with investing, including loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results, share prices will fluctuate and you may have a gain or loss when you redeem shares. A fund that concentrates in a particular industry will involve a greater degree of risk than a fund with a more diversified portfolio. Investing in smaller companies generally will present greater investment risks, including: greater price volatility, greater sensitivity to changing economic conditions and less liquidity than the securities of larger, more mature companies.

The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000® Index. The Russell 3000® Index represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. One cannot invest directly in an index. Emerald Mutual Fund Advisers Trust is the investment advisor to the Emerald Mutual Funds. **Emerald Mutual Funds are distributed by ALPS Distributors, Inc. which is not affiliated with Emerald Mutual Fund Advisers Trust.** Kenneth G. Mertz II has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. CFA Institute marks are trademarks owned by the CFA Institute.



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# Emerald Banking & Finance Fund

As of March 31, 2017

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Broker Services: 866-909-8084

## Performance %

\* Excludes sales charge

\*\*Reflects effects of the Fund's maximum sales charge of 4.75%

+ Excludes contingent deferred sales charge

++ Includes the effects of the 1% deferred sales charge

	3 months	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	
Class A (NAV)*	0.84%	0.84%	39.72%	14.69%	20.09%	5.68%	9.59%	
Class A (MOP)**	-3.95%	-3.95%	33.09%	12.85%	18.93%	5.17%	9.33%	Class A - Since 2/18/1997
Class C (NAV) <sup>+</sup>	0.67%	0.67%	38.83%	13.94%	19.32%	5.00%	9.89%	Class C - Since 7/1/2000
Class C (CDSC) <sup>++</sup>	-0.33%	-0.33%	37.83%	13.94%	19.32%	5.00%	9.89%	
Institutional	0.93%	0.93%	40.17%	15.05%	20.48%		20.16%	Institutional Class - Since 3/19/12
Investor	0.83%	0.83%	39.65%	14.66%	20.09%		15.12%	Investor Class - Since 3/16/10
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Financial Services Index TR	-0.93%	-0.93%	29.47%	12.14%	15.25%	5.52%	8.95%	
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Index TR	2.47%	2.47%	26.22%	7.22%	12.35%	7.12%	8.21%	

Returns greater than 1 year are annualized

The Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Financial Services Index comprises those companies included in the R-2000<sup>®</sup> Index classified as members of the Russell financials sector. One cannot invest directly in an index.

## Calendar Year Performance (% @ NAV)

Share	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Class A	44.58	20.74	2.81	9.93	-20.92	-21.41	-11.29	16.67	-4.59	20.91	43.64	7.14	14.68	28.10
Class C	43.63	20.02	2.15	9.44	-21.43	-21.94	-12.05	16.05	-5.13	20.13	42.75	6.43	13.95	27.29
Investor									-4.23	21.10	43.62	7.14	14.66	28.08
Institutional										9.08	44.12	7.47	15.03	28.49
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup>	47.25	18.33	4.55	18.37	-1.57	-33.79	27.17	26.85	-4.18	16.35	38.82	4.89	-4.41	21.31

## INDUSTRY ALLOCATION %

Asset Management & Custodian	1.0%
Banks: Commercial	0.8%
Banks: Diversified	77.8%
Banks: Savings, Thrift & Mort. Lend	11.4%
Capital Markets	0.8%
Consumer Lending	1.8%
Diversified Financial Services	1.1%
Computer Software & Systems	0.5%
Insurance	0.5%
Insurance: P&C	2.1%
REITs	1.4%
Net Cash & Equivalents	0.8%

Industry percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

## Statistics & Characteristics

Beta (52 weeks vs. S&P 500)	1.79*
Turnover % (trailing 12 months)	38
Number of Holdings	122
Total Net Assets (\$ millions)	456
Standard Deviation (3-Yr)	17.39**

\* Beta is a measure of risk which shows the Fund's volatility relative to its benchmark index.

\*\* Standard Deviation measures the degree to which a fund's return varies from previous returns or from the average of all similar funds.

## Top 10 Holdings

Company	% Held	Industry
1. Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.	3.6%	Banks Diversified
2. SVB Financial Group	3.0%	Banks Diversified
3. Meta Financial Group, Inc.	3.0%	Savings, Thrift-Mortg
4. Home BancShares, Inc.	2.6%	Banks Diversified
5. Eagle Bancorp, Inc.	2.2%	Banks Diversified
6. Ameris Bancorp	2.1%	Banks Diversified
7. FCB Financial Holdings, Inc.	2.1%	Banks Diversified
8. ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc.	2.0%	Banks Diversified
9. Customers Bancorp, Inc.	2.0%	Banks Diversified
10. Western Alliance Bancorp	2.0%	Banks Diversified

Allocations are subject to change and may not reflect current or future positions in the portfolio.

The Fund's investment advisor is contractually obligated to waive a portion of its fees and reimburse other expenses until August 31, 2017, in amounts necessary to limit the Fund's operating expenses (exclusive of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, brokerage expenses, interest expense, taxes, and extraordinary expense) for Class A, Class C, Institutional and Investor Class shares to an annual rate (as a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets) of 1.84%, 2.49%, 1.54% and 1.89%, respectively. This agreement (the "Expense Agreement") is in effect through August 31, 2017. The Adviser will be permitted to recover, on a class-by-class basis, expenses it has borne through the Expense Agreement to the extent that the Fund's expenses in later periods fall below the expense cap in effect at the time of the waiver or reimbursement. The Fund will not be obligated to pay any such deferred fees and expense more than three years after the year(s) in which the fees and expenses were incurred. The Adviser may not discontinue this waiver prior to August 31, 2017, without the approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

**The performance quoted represents past performance, does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained at www.emeraldmutualfunds.com. Investment performance reflects fee waivers in effect. In the absence of fee waivers, total return would be lower. Total return is based on NAV, assuming reinvestment of all distributions. Performance does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.**

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