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## HENNESSY CORNERSTONE GROWTH FUND

*Investor Class* **HFCGX** | *Institutional Class* **HICGX**

*Summary Prospectus, February 28, 2017*



*Investing, Uncompromised*

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## Investment Objective

The Hennessy Cornerstone Growth Fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

## Fund Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

<b>SHAREHOLDER FEES</b>	<u>Investor</u>	<u>Institutional</u>
<i>(fees paid directly from your investment)</i> . . .	None	None
<b>ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
<i>(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</i>		
Management Fees . . . . .	0.74%	0.74%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees . . .	0.15%	None
Other Expenses . . . . .	<u>0.44%</u>	<u>0.25%</u>
Shareholder Servicing . . . . .	0.10%	None
Remaining Other Expenses <sup>1</sup> . . .	0.34%	0.25%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses . .	<u>1.33%</u>	<u>0.99%</u>

<sup>1</sup> Includes acquired fund fees and expenses that do not exceed 0.01% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Acquired fund fees and expenses are not reflected in the Fund's financial statements, with the result that the information presented in the expense table may differ from that presented in the financial highlights.

### EXAMPLE

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in shares of this Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that you reinvest all dividends and distributions, that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on the assumptions, your costs would be:

	<u>One Year</u>	<u>Three Years</u>	<u>Five Years</u>	<u>Ten Years</u>
Investor	\$135	\$421	\$729	\$1,601
Institutional	\$101	\$315	\$547	\$1,213

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities, or "turns over" its portfolio. A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund had a portfolio turnover rate of 97% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal Investment Strategy

The Fund invests in growth-oriented common stocks by utilizing a highly disciplined, quantitative formula known as the Cornerstone Growth Strategy® (the "Growth Strategy"). The stocks in which the Fund may invest are both domestic and foreign companies whose securities are listed on a U.S. national securities exchange and American Depositary Receipts, which are U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the U.S. Generally, a majority of the companies selected by the Growth Strategy are small cap companies (companies with a market capitalization under \$1 billion), but the Growth Strategy may also select medium cap companies (companies with a market capitalization of \$1 billion to \$8 billion) and large cap companies (companies with a market capitalization in excess of \$8 billion). From a universe of stocks with market capitalization exceeding \$175 million, the Growth Strategy selects the 50 common stocks with the highest one-year price appreciation as of the date of purchase that also meet the following criteria:

### 1) Price-to-sales ratio below 1.5

This value criterion helps to uncover relative bargains. The Growth Strategy uses sales as its guide because sales figures are more difficult for companies to manipulate than earnings and frequently provide a clearer picture of a company's potential value.

### 2) Annual earnings that are higher than the previous year

While we have found that sales may be the best indicator of a company's value, the Growth Strategy considers improved earnings to be a key indicator of a company's financial strength.

### 3) Positive stock price appreciation, or relative strength, over the past three and six-month periods

Relative strength is widely used by investors in attempting to predict which stocks will outperform the market.

The Fund purchases 50 stocks as dictated by the Growth Strategy, weighted equally by dollar amount, with 2% of the portfolio's assets invested in each. Using the Growth Strategy, the universe of stocks is re-screened and the portfolio is rebalanced annually, generally in the winter. Stocks meeting the Growth Strategy's criteria not currently in the portfolio are purchased, and stocks that no longer meet the criteria are sold. Holdings of all stocks in the Fund that continue to meet the criteria are appropriately increased or decreased to result in an equal 2% weighting.

As of January 31, 2017, the average and median market capitalization of the stocks held by the Fund were \$9.5 billion and \$2.5 billion, respectively.

## Principal Risks

As with any security, there are market and investment risks associated with your investment in the Fund. The value of your investment will fluctuate over time and it is possible to lose money. The principal risks of investing in the Fund include the following:

**Market and Equity Investments Risk:** The market value of a security may move up or down, and these fluctuations may cause a security to be worth more or less than the price originally paid for it. Market risk may affect a single company, an industry, a sector of the economy or the market as a whole. The value of equity securities will fluctuate due to many factors, including the past and predicted earnings of the issuer, the quality of the issuer's management, general market conditions, forecasts for the issuer's industry and the value of the issuer's assets.

**Formula Investing Risk:** The Fund will adhere to the Growth Strategy during the course of the year, subject to applicable Securities and Exchange Commission requirements and federal tax requirements relating to mutual funds, despite any adverse developments that may arise. This could result in substantial losses to the Fund, if for example, the stocks selected for the Fund for a given year are experiencing financial difficulty, or are out of favor in the market because of weak performance, a poor earnings forecast, negative publicity or general market cycles. The Fund's portfolio is rebalanced annually in accordance with the Growth Strategy, which may result in the sale of securities that have been performing well in the near term and the purchase of securities that have been performing less well in the near term.

**Small- and Medium-Sized Companies Risk:** The Fund invests in small- and medium-sized companies, which may have more limited liquidity and greater price volatility than larger, more established companies. Small companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and their management may be dependent on a limited number of key individuals.

**Foreign Securities Risk:** The Fund may invest in the securities of foreign issuers, including American Depositary Receipts, which are U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded in the U.S. There are specific risks associated with investing in the securities of foreign companies not typically associated with investing in domestic companies. Risks include fluctuations in the exchange rates of foreign currencies, which may affect the U.S. Dollar value of a security, and the possibility of substantial price volatility as a result of political and economic instability in the foreign country.

**Growth Style Risk:** A growth-oriented investment approach may subject the Fund to above-average fluctuations as a result of seeking higher than average capital growth. Historically, growth stocks have performed best during later stages of economic expansion and value stocks have performed best during early periods of economic recovery. Growth stocks may perform differently from the market as a whole and may be out of favor with investors for periods of time.

**Value Investing Risk:** A value-oriented investment approach involves the risk that value stocks may remain undervalued, or may not appreciate in value as anticipated. Value stocks may perform differently from the market as a whole and may be out of favor with investors for periods of time.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk:** High portfolio turnover will produce higher transaction costs (such as brokerage commissions or markups or markdowns) that the Fund must pay, and will increase realized gains (or losses) to investors, which may lower the Fund's after-tax performance.

## Performance Information

The following performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in its performance from year to year and how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare with those of indices that reflect broad measures of market performance, the Russell 2000® Index and the S&P 500 Index. For additional information on these indices, please see "Descriptions of Indices" on page 60 of the Prospectus. The Fund is the successor to the Hennessy Cornerstone Growth Fund, a series of Hennessy Mutual Funds, Inc. (the "Predecessor Growth Fund"). The performance information provided for the periods on or prior to February 28, 2014, is historical information for the Predecessor Growth Fund, which had the same investment adviser and the same investment objective and investment strategy as the Fund. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of future performance. Performance may be higher or lower in the future. Updated performance information is available on the Hennessy Funds' website ([hennessyfunds.com](http://hennessyfunds.com)).

### HENNESSY CORNERSTONE GROWTH FUND CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS OF INVESTOR SHARES



For the period shown in the bar chart, the Fund's highest quarterly return was 23.23% for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, and the lowest quarterly return was -29.48% for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

Performance of the Fund's Institutional Class shares will differ from that of the Fund's Investor Class shares as the share classes have different expenses and inception dates.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (for the periods ended December 31, 2016)

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years
<b>Hennessy Cornerstone Growth Fund – Investor Shares</b>			
Return before taxes	8.37%	16.66%	2.70%
Return after taxes on distributions	8.37%	16.65%	2.50%
Return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares	4.74%	13.51%	2.16%
<b>Hennessy Cornerstone Growth Fund – Institutional Shares</b>			
Return before taxes	8.70%	16.99%	2.98%
<b>Russell 2000® Index</b> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			
	21.31%	14.46%	7.07%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)			
	11.96%	14.66%	6.95%

The after-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and the after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. After-tax returns are shown for Investor Class shares only and after-tax returns for Institutional Class shares will vary.

The inception date of the Fund's Institutional Class is March 3, 2008. Performance shown prior to the inception of Institutional Class shares reflects the performance of the Fund's Investor Class shares and includes expenses that are not applicable to and are higher than those of Institutional Class shares.

## Investment Manager

Hennessy Advisors, Inc. is the investment manager of the Fund.

## Portfolio Managers

Neil J. Hennessy, Brian E. Peery, and Ryan C. Kelley are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the portfolio of the Fund and for developing and executing the Fund's investment program. Mr. Hennessy serves as a Portfolio Manager of the Fund, and has been the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Investment Manager since its organization in 1989. Mr. Peery has served as a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since October 2014, as a Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund from February 2011 through September 2014, and has been employed by the Investment Manager since 2002. Mr. Kelley has served as a Portfolio Manager of the Fund since February 2017, and has been employed by the Investment Manager since 2012.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Institutional Class shares are available only to shareholders who invest directly in Fund shares or who invest through certain broker-

dealers or financial institutions that have entered into appropriate arrangements with the Fund.

To purchase Fund shares, you may contact your broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. To purchase Fund shares directly from the Hennessy Funds, or for assistance with completing your application, please call 1-800-966-4354 or 1-415-899-1555 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern time/6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Pacific time on Monday through Thursday or between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time/6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Pacific time on Friday (excluding holidays). You may buy Fund shares each day the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open.

The minimum initial investment in Investor Class shares of the Fund is \$2,500 for regular accounts and \$250 for Individual Retirement Accounts. The minimum initial investment in Institutional Class shares of the Fund is \$250,000. For corporate sponsored retirement plans, there is no minimum initial investment for either Investor Class or Institutional Class shares. There is no subsequent minimum investment requirement. A \$100 minimum exists for each additional investment made through an Automatic Investment Plan. The Fund may waive the minimum investment requirements from time to time. Investors purchasing Fund shares through financial intermediaries' asset-based fee programs may have the above minimums waived by their intermediary, since the intermediary, rather than the Fund, absorbs the increased costs of small purchases.

You may redeem Fund shares each day the NYSE is open either by mail (Hennessy Funds, c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701) or by calling the Transfer Agent at 1-800-261-6950 between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern time/6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Investors who wish to redeem Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary should contact the intermediary regarding the hours during which orders to redeem Fund shares may be placed.

## Tax Information

Distributions on Fund shares are taxable and will be taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account, in which case such distributions may be taxable at a later date.

## Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for performing shareholder services or distribution-related services for the Fund. If made, these payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your financial adviser to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your financial adviser or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

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