

ALTEGRIS/AACA OPPORTUNISTIC REAL ESTATE FUND | Q1.2021



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# **Investment Strategy**

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See Important Considerations for details.



### MORNINGSTAR RATING™ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

RAAIX received 5-stars among 224 funds overall, 5-stars among 215 funds over 3years, and 5-stars among 224 funds over 5-years (10-year rating is not available) based on risk-adjusted total returns in the Real Estate category as of 03/31/2021.



2021 WINNER UNITED STATES

For delivering consistently strong riskadjusted performance for the 5-year period ending 12/31/2020.\*

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## Introducing Altegris and AACA. Key professionals.

### Since 2002,

- Altegris has been a pioneer in providing access to alternative sources of income and growth.
- Altegris has focused solely on alternative asset managers and strategies because we believe that a sophisticated investment approach should not rely on stocks and bonds alone.

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Burl East III, CFA CEO and Co-Portfolio Manager AACA

Burl East has over 20 years of experience as a sell-side analyst and over 20 years experience as an investment banker. He currently stands as a chartered financial analyst and has served on six boards, including large public companies and NAREIT.

> Burl received his MBA from Loyola University, Baltimore, MD.



Matt Osborne CEO and Co-founder Altegris

Matt Osborne has over 30 years of experience in the art and science of sourcing and selecting alternative asset managers for client portfolios. Osborne has significant investing and trading expertise in equities, fixed income, foreign currencies, global futures, and options, among other securities.

Matt currently holds FINRA Series 3, 7, 24, and 63 licenses.

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Investment strategy. Seeking monopolistic opportunities.

The Fund's investment philosophy is naturally biased towards owning properties where physical assets establish permanent tenancy and when combined with the flexibility to short, creates the potential for strong risk-adjusted returns.



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Investment strategy. 700 companies, 30 sectors, and a \$3.5 trillion opportunity set.\*

		MONOPOLISTIC/OLIGOPOLIST
Apartments Central business district office Housing Malls Net lease Outdoor advertising Prisons Shopping centers Single family housing construction Suburban office Timber	<ul> <li>Campus-based housing</li> <li>Golf</li> <li>Health care</li> <li>Industrial</li> <li>Lodging</li> <li>Medical office buildings</li> <li>Mortgage</li> <li>Self storage</li> <li>Time share</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cell towers</li> <li>Data centers</li> <li>Gaming</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>Lab space</li> <li>Manufactured housing</li> <li>Single family housing rental</li> <li>Specialized agriculture</li> <li>Water</li> <li>Web-based real estate</li> </ul>

As of 03/31/2021, Sector attractiveness is subject to change at any time in response to market conditions and/or viewpoint of AACA and should not be construed as investment advice. \* Source: NAREIT Magazine As of 9/30/2019

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# Investment strategy. Tenant is denied choice.

### AACA has found that real estate performs better over time when it is more difficult to supply, when demand is less cyclical, and when tenants are reluctant to leave.

This results in an overweight to sectors that share these four characteristics:

- Oligopoly or duopoly structure
- High barriers to entry for new 2. owners/developers
- 3. High barriers to exit for tenants
- 4. Secular demand drivers underlying the user side of the business

The combination of these four characteristics (or some subset) creates a competitive landscape where the tenant has few(er) options to move or play one building owner against another. Properties with these characteristics can command higher occupancy rates and better rents, which in turn can create more valuable portfolios for shareholders through enhanced dividends and higher real estate values.



**EXAMPLES** 

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## Investment strategy. Empirical evidence: S/S NOI

AACA believes that growth in same-store net operating income (S/S NOI) indicates empirical evidence that the tenant is willing to pay more for the same space each year.

Sectors that possess "AACA's four characteristics" have strong S/S NOI growth and are designed to drive stock performance.

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Sector	Industry Participants	Barrier to Entry: New Suppliers	Barrier to Exit: Tenants	Demand Drivers	<b>S/S NOI</b> <b>Growth</b> 01/01/11-12/31/20
Data Centers	6 public	High	Extremely high	Secular, data growing exponentially, internet and wireless	54%
Communications Infrastructure	3 public	Very high	Very high	5G; cellular data usage is growing rapidly	60%*
Lab Space	1 public, 2 private	Extremely high	Extremely high	Healthcare, drug discovery, biotech	70%
Suburban Office	20+ public, 100s private	Low	Low	GDP growth, cyclical	12%

\*Communication Infrastructure reports Same Tower NOI instead of Same Store NOI. For any periods during the trailing 10 years that do not have data, we have used the companies historical average same tower NOI growth rate.

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# Investment strategy. Fund limits.

As of March 31, 2021

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Portfolio characteristics	Limits and typical exposures				
Gross/net exposure	<ul> <li>AACA adjusts fund leverage strategically in anticipation of or in response to market conditions</li> </ul>				
	Net exposure will range between 70%-130% (actual since 2017 was 91.69%-121.11%)				
	For the past four years, the average net exposure was 106.29%				
Sector concentration	Up to 25% of fund assets in one real estate sector				
Number of positions	25-50 different real estate securities at various times				
Options	Creates framework for price discipline; covered call for exit; put sales for entry				
	Enhances income				
	<ul> <li>Exposure is typically 0-2% of fund NAV<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>				
Long position size	The manager anticipates that no position would normally exceed 10% of the fund				
	More than half the fund is in positions sizes less than 5%				
Short position size	Hedging and short positions are typically less than 30%				
	<ul> <li>Individual security short positions are typically 1%, maximum 5%<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>				
Issuer concentration	• The fund does not own more than 5% of a company's voting shares				
Liquidity	At least 60% of the fund assets in highly liquid investments				
	• Fund may hold illiquid investments up to a maximum of 15%, and typically no greater				
	than 5%, including up to 3% of 144A				

<sup>1</sup>Maximum notional put exposure in past 3 years (since 12/31/17) was 3.1% (in Oct 2019).

<sup>2</sup>Not including index shorts/hedging positions.

Source: Prospectus dated as of May 1, 2020, and supplemented as of March 23, 2021. Illiquid investments are defined as investments that cannot be converted to cash in seven calendar days without impacting price.

## Investment strategy. AACA typically adjusts net exposure inversely to valuation based on price-to-NAV.

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Trailing 4-year: RAAIX Net Exposure versus P/NAV SNL Equity REIT Index March 31, 2017 - March 31, 2021

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## **Altegris/AACA Opportunistic Real Estate Fund**

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<b>OBJECTIVE</b> The Fund seeks to provide total return through long term capital appreciation and current income by investing, both long and short, in equity securities of real estate and real estate related companies.	MINIMUM INITIAL/ SUBSEQUENT INVESTMENT Class A: \$2,500 / \$250 Class C: \$5,000 / \$250 Class I: \$1,000,000 / \$250 Class N: \$2,500 / \$250		<b>INCEPTION</b> January 9, 2 <b>INCOME DI</b> Quarterly	
<b>FUND SUB-ADVISER</b> American Assets Capital Advisers (AACA)	EXPENSE RATIOS Class I	<b>Gross</b> 2.02%	Net, Inc. DIAO-related 2.02%	Net, Exc. DIAO-related 1.54%
SYMBOL & CUSIP Class A: RAAAX-66538B719	Class A <sup>2</sup>	2.30%	2.30%	1.78%
Class C: RAACX-66538B693 Class I: RAAIX-66538B685 Class N: RAANX-66538B677	Class C Class N	3.02% 2.17%	3.02% 2.17%	2.54% 1.79%

1 It is important to note that the Fund inherited the track record of its predecessor, the American Assets Real Estate Securities Fund, L.P. ("Predecessor Fund") which was managed by AACA, the Fund's sub-adviser. The Predecessor Fund's inception date was February 1, 2011. Inception date of Class C was 12/01/2020. 2 The maximum sales charge (load) for Class A is 5.75%. Class A share investors may be eligible for a reduction in sales charges.

<sup>+</sup>Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent Prospectus. Net calculations include expenses for Investment dividends, interest, acquired fund fees and certain other fund expenses, collectively referred to as "DIAO". The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to reduce fees and reimburse its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund as described in the Fund Summary, until at least December 31, 2021. This agreement may only be terminated only by the Board of Trustees, on 60 days written notice to the Adviser so that total annual Fund Operating Expenses after waiver will not exceed 1.80%, 2.55%, 1.55%, and 1.80% of average net assets attributable to Class A, C, I, and N, respectively. An investor will pay the Net including DIAO Related. See Fund's Prospectus for details. The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce



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# **Risk Disclosures**



## **Mutual Fund Risks**

Please review the following risk disclosures.

Please carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Altegris/AACA Opportunistic Real Estate Fund. This and other important information is contained in the Fund's Prospectus, which can be obtained by calling (888) 524-9441. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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Equity securities such as those held by the Fund are subject to market risk and loss due to industry and company news or general economic decline. Equity securities of smaller or medium-sized companies are subject to more volatility than larger, more established companies. The concentration in real estate securities entails sector risk and greater sensitivity to overall economic conditions as well as credit risk and interest rate risk.

The Fund will engage in short selling and short position derivative activities, which are considered speculative and involve significant financial risk. Short positions profit from a decline in price so the Fund may incur a loss on a short position if the price increases. The potential for loss in shorting is unlimited. Shorting may also result in higher transaction costs which reduce return. The use of derivatives, such as futures and options involves additional risks such as leverage risk and tracking risk. Long options positions may expire worthless. The use of leverage will cause the Fund to incur additional expenses and can magnify the Fund's gains or losses.

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Altegris/AACA Opportunistic Real Estate Fund, Class I received a 5-star Morningstar Rating in the real estate category among 224 funds in the 3-year period, 215 funds in the 5-year period, and 224 funds overall as of 03/31/2021.

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**Dow Jones US Real Estate Total Return (TR) Index.** The total return version of the Dow Jones US Real Estate Index and is calculated with gross dividends reinvested. The base date for the index is December 31, 1991, with a base value of 100. KEY RISKS: Stock market risk—stock prices may decline; Industry risk—adverse real estate conditions may cause declines; Interest rate risk—prices may decline if rates rise.

**REITs: SNL US Real Estate Index** (the "Index") is a market capitalization-weighted index that includes all U.S. domiciled publicly traded (NYSE, NYSE MKT, NASDAQ, OTC) equity REITs in SNL's coverage universe and is considered to be generally representative of the US real estate market as a whole. KEY RISKS: Stock market risk—stock prices may decline; Industry risk—adverse real estate conditions may cause declines; Interest rate risk—prices may decline if rates rise.

**US Stocks: S&P 500 Total Return (TR) Index.** The total return version of S&P 500 index. The S&P 500 index is unmanaged and is generally representative of certain portions of the U.S. equity markets. For the S&P 500 Total Return Index, dividends are reinvested on a daily basis and the base date for the index is January 4, 1988. All regular cash dividends are assumed reinvested in the S&P 500 index on the ex-date. Special cash dividends trigger a price adjustment in the price return index. KEY RISKS: Stock market risk—stock prices may decline; Country/regional risk—world events may adversely affect values.



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