



# Westchester Capital FUNDS

The Merger Fund®

A Westchester Capital Fund  
Investor- MERFX | CUSIP 589509108

September 30, 2017  
Fund AUM: \$2.8 billion

## OVERALL Morningstar Rating™

Out of 112 market neutral funds.  
As of 9/30/2017



The Overall Morningstar Rating is derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-, 5-, and 10-year Morningstar Rating metrics.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The investment seeks capital growth by engaging in merger arbitrage. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets principally in the common stock, preferred stock and, occasionally, warrants of companies which are involved in publicly announced mergers, takeovers, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, liquidations and other corporate reorganizations. Merger arbitrage is a highly specialized investment approach generally designed to profit from the successful completion of such transactions.

## FUND FACTS

Inception Date	1/31/1989
Ticker	MERFX
Minimum Investment	\$ 2,000
Primary Prospectus Benchmark	BofAML US Treasury Bill 3 Mon TR USD
Morningstar Category	US Fund Market Neutral
Morningstar Institutional Category	Event Driven
Turnover Ratio	182%
Management Fee*	1.00%

\*Expense ratios are as of the April 27, 2017 prospectus. The total annual operating expense ratio of the Funds Investor class shares was 2.12%. The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee until April 30th, 2018 if its assets exceed certain thresholds, beginning at \$1.5 billion. Total annual operating expenses of the Fund's Investor class shares of 2.01% were applicable to investors. After applicable fee waivers and before certain investment-related expenses (including acquired fund fees and expenses of 0.09% and short interest and dividend expenses of 0.52%), total annual operating expenses of the Fund's Investor Class shares were 1.40%.

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. Returns greater than one-year are annualized. The performance results portrayed herein reflect the reinvestment of all interest, dividends and distributions. 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. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data included herein for periods prior to 2011 reflect that of Westchester Capital Management, Inc., the Fund's prior investment advisor. Messrs. Behren and Shannon, the Fund's current portfolio managers, have served as co-portfolio managers of the Fund since 2007. Performance data current to the most recent month-end may be obtained by calling (800) 343-8959 or by visiting [www.westchestercapitalfunds.com](http://www.westchestercapitalfunds.com).

## INVESTMENT GROWTH

Time Period: 10/1/2002 to 9/30/2017



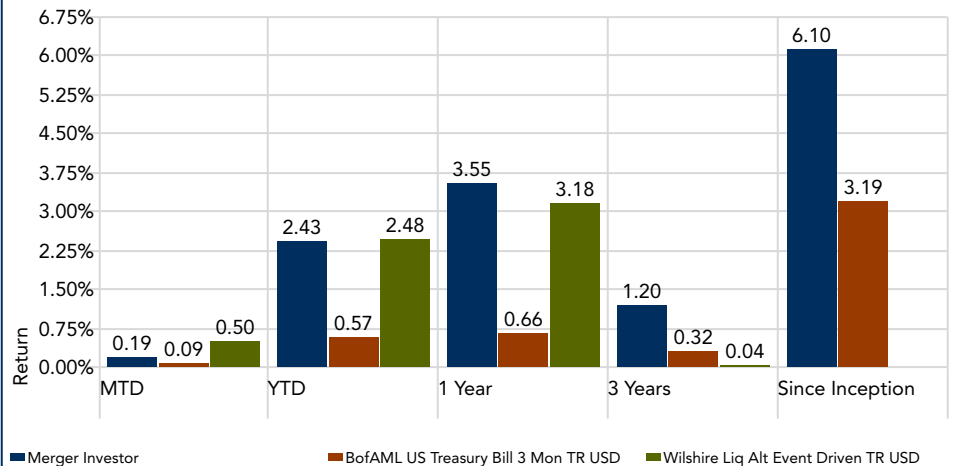
## RISK CHARACTERISTICS

Time Period: 10/1/2014 to 9/30/2017

	MERFX	S&P 500
3-yr Std Dev	2.65	10.07
3-yr Beta	0.20	1.00
3-yr Sharpe Ratio	0.32	1.04
3-yr Sortino Ratio	0.52	1.92
3-yr R2	57.91	100.00

## TRAILING RETURNS (as of month-end)

As of Date: 9/30/2017



## TRAILING RETURNS (as of quarter-end)

As of Date: 9/30/2017

	3Q	YTD	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Merger Investor	0.31%	2.43%	3.55%	2.11%	2.09%	3.69%
BofAML US Treasury Bill 3 Mon TR USD	0.26%	0.57%	0.66%	0.22%	0.47%	1.29%
Wilshire Liq Alt Event Driven TR USD	0.44%	2.48%	3.18%	0.99%	2.05%	3.44%



### PORTFOLIO

Average position size:	1.60%
Number of long positions:	60
Number of short positions:	18
Percent invested:	96%
Short positions as a % of net assets:	38.96%

### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION

United States:	74.87%
United Kingdom:	12.46%
Europe ex-U.K.:	12.06%
Canada:	0.61%



### FUND MANAGERS

ROY D. BEHREN | Began career in 1987  
Portfolio Manager since 2007

Mr. Behren received a degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, a J.D. from the University of Miami Law School and an LL.M in Corporate Law from the New York University School of Law.

MICHAEL T. SHANNON | Began career in 1988  
Portfolio Manager since 2007

Mr. Shannon received a degree in finance from Boston College. He is a CFA charter holder and a member of the CFA Institute.

### TOP TEN EQUITY HOLDINGS

52.70%

1. Alta Inc.
2. Time Warner Inc.
3. NXP Semiconductors NV
4. C.R. Bard, Inc.
5. Sky PLC
6. Worldpay Group PLC
7. Rice Energy Inc.
8. Huntsman Corporation
9. DowDuPont Inc.
10. The Advisory Board Company

Fund holdings and asset allocation are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

### Advantages of Investing in The Merger Fund®

- Returns have historically had low correlation (beta) with those of the stock or bond market
- Returns have historically been less volatile than equity markets as represented by our standard deviation
- Merger arbitrage strategies have historically been positively correlated with interest rates, or the cost of capital; therefore if interest rates rise, the Fund may provide a hedge to the decreased value of bonds.

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

Before investing in The Merger Fund®, carefully consider its investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. For a prospectus or summary prospectus containing this and other information, please call (800) 343-8959 or view it online at [www.westchestercapitalfunds.com](http://www.westchestercapitalfunds.com). Please read it carefully before investing.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Merger-arbitrage and event-driven investing involves the risk that the adviser's evaluation of the outcome of a proposed event, whether it be a merger, reorganization, regulatory issue or other event, will prove incorrect and that the Fund's return on the investment will be negative. Investments in foreign companies may entail political, cultural, regulatory, legal, and tax risks different from those associated with comparable transactions in the United States. The frequency of the Fund's transactions will vary from year to year, though merger arbitrage portfolios typically have higher turnover rates than portfolios of typical long-only funds. Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs. The higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover may offset gains in the Fund's performance. The Fund may enter into short sale transactions for, among other reasons, purposes of protecting against a decline in the market value of the acquiring company's shares prior to the acquisition completion. If the price of a security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Fund covers its short position, the Fund will incur a loss. The amount of a potential loss on an uncovered short sale transaction is theoretically unlimited. Debt securities may fluctuate in value due to, among other things, changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, industry fundamentals, market sentiment and the financial condition of the issuer, including the issuer's credit rating or financial performance. Derivatives may create leverage which will amplify the effect of the performance of those instruments on the Fund and may produce significant losses. The Fund's hedging strategy will be subject to the Fund's investment adviser's ability to assess correctly the degree of correlation between the performance of the instruments used in the hedging strategy and the performance of the investments in the portfolio being hedged.

**Definitions:** The S&P 500 Index is a broad based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general. It is shown with dividends reinvested. You cannot invest directly in the index; The BofA Merrill Lynch US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Event Driven Index measures the performance of the event driven strategy component of the Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index. Event driven strategies predominantly invest in companies involved in corporate transactions such as mergers, restructuring, distressed, buy backs, or other capital structure changes. The US OE Market Neutral is the Morningstar Category comprised of funds that attempt to eliminate the risks of the market by holding 50% of assets in long positions in stocks and 50% of assets in short positions. Stock picking, rather than broad market moves, should drive a market-neutral fund's performance. **Standard Deviation** is the degree by which returns vary relative to the average return. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability of the investment; **Sharpe Ratio** measures reward vs. risk. 3-month T-Bill used for risk-free rate. A higher number is more favorable; **Sortino Ratio** measures the risk-adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally. **Beta** is a measure of the fund's sensitivity to market movements. A portfolio with a beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market and a portfolio with a beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market; **R-Squared** is a statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. A fund with a low R-squared (70 or less) doesn't act much like the index.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. As of September 30, 2017 The Merger Fund® - Investor was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled Market Neutral funds over the following time periods: 112 funds in the last three years, 74 funds in the last five years, and 34 funds in the last ten years. With respect to these Market Neutral funds, The Merger Fund® - Investor received a Morningstar Rating of 3 stars, 4 stars and 3 stars for the three-, five- and ten-year periods, respectively. © 2017 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.