

# HCM Sector Plus Fund

Formerly known as HCM Dividend Sector Plus Fund\*



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## Fund Overview

**Objective:** The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

### Key Features:

- Selects dividend paying stocks from each of the S&P500 and other investment companies, and screens them for earnings growth.
- Uses trend analysis to allocate investments between stocks and cash to mitigate risk.
- Ability to leverage up to 33.3% of the portfolio.
- Seeks to mitigate losses during times of market distress with the help of its proprietary HCM Buy-Line® investment model.

### Investment Methodology:

- Aims to achieve its investment objective through investments in:
  - dividend paying equity securities of companies included in the S&P 500 TR Index;
  - "plus" other investment companies (mutual funds, closed-end funds and ETF's), including investment companies that use leverage; and
  - cash and cash equivalents.
- Invests in S&P 500 companies that are paying the highest dividend yields in each of the 10 major S&P 500 industry sectors.

*There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives, generate returns, or avoid losses.*



HCM Sector Plus Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™, a 4-Star Morningstar Rating for the three year period, 3-Star Morningstar Rating for the five year period, and 5-Star Morningstar Rating for the ten year period ending 12/31/25. The ratings are based on risk adjusted returns in the US Fund Large Value category with 1,059 total funds in the three year period, 995 funds in the five year period, and 832 funds in the ten year period as of 12/31/25. The Morningstar ratings are for the A share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

## Monthly Performance (%)

As of December 31, 2025

Fund Name	3M	YTD Return	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (7/30/14)
HCM Sector - Class A	2.71	16.84	16.84	19.25	12.59	14.72	13.60
HCM Sector - Class A with load	-3.20	10.11	10.11	16.93	11.27	14.04	12.98
HCM Sector - Class I	2.77	17.10	17.10	19.55	12.89	14.92	13.78
HCM Sector - Investor Class	2.51	15.92	15.92	18.34	11.75	13.86	12.77
S&P 500 TR Index <sup>1</sup>	2.66	17.88	17.88	23.01	14.42	14.82	13.84

Note: Returns Greater Than 1 Year are Annualized.

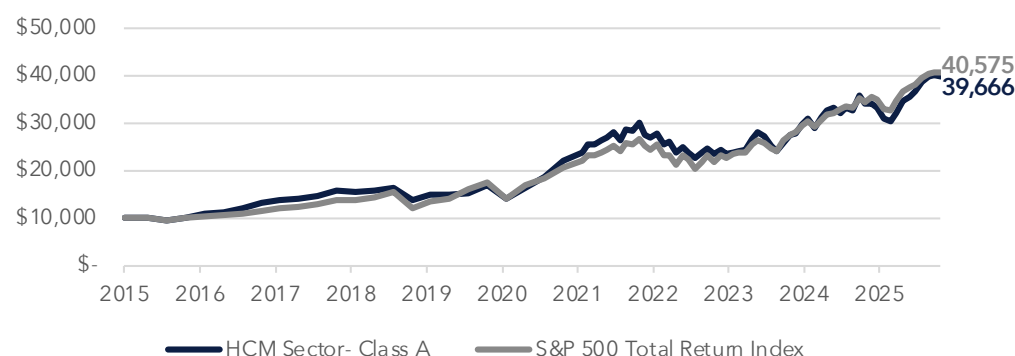
## Quarterly Performance (%)

As of December 31, 2025

Fund Name	YTD Return	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (7/30/14)
HCM Sector - Class A	16.84	16.84	19.25	12.59	14.72	13.60
HCM Sector - Class A with load	10.11	10.11	16.93	11.27	14.04	12.98
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## Growth of \$10K Since Inception (\$)



\*HCM Sector Plus name change was enacted on July 21, 2025.

**Class A and Class A1 Maximum Sales Charge 5.75%:** The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund's total gross operating expenses would be 1.97%, 2.12%, 1.72% and 2.72% for the Fund's Class A, Class A1, Class I, and Investor Class shares, respectively. Please review the fund's prospectus for more information regarding the fund's fees and expenses. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 855-969-8464.

<sup>1</sup>S&P 500® TR: Stock market index that tracks the performance of top 500 large-cap U.S. companies.



## Risk & Volatility Measures<sup>2</sup>

As of December 31, 2025

Trailing	Fund	Category	Index
Alpha (%)	-1.77	-0.57	0.72
Beta	1.04	0.82	0.84
R <sup>2</sup> (%)	83.52	73.16	82.42
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.60	0.73
Standard Deviation (%)	17.17	14.52	13.93

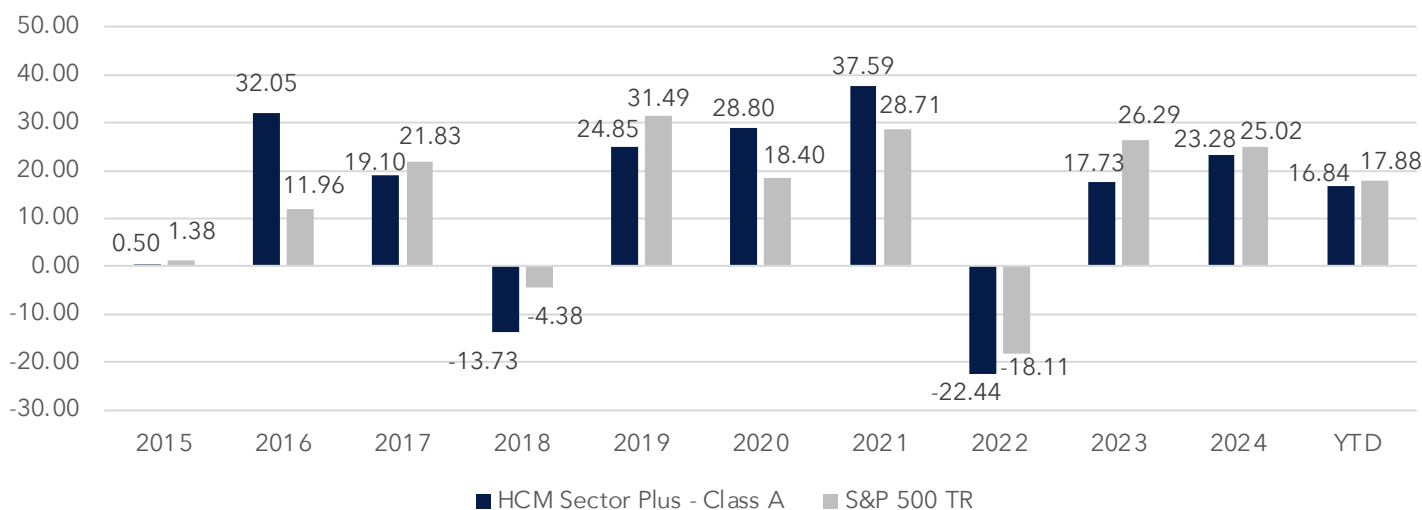
Note: Measures are calculated over last 5 years.

## Fund Facts

Ticker: HCMNX  
CUSIP: 66538G643  
Fund Type: Large Value  
Number of Holdings: 61

Load Type: Class A  
Max Sales Charge: 5.75%  
Min. Initial Investment: \$2,500  
AUM: \$1.04B

## Annual & YTD Returns (%)



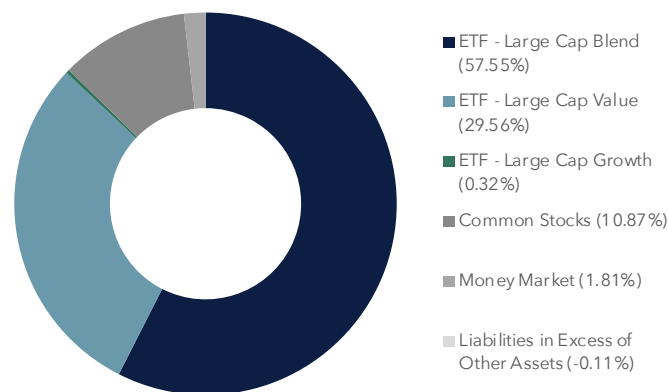
## Fund Holdings\*

As of December 31, 2025

ProShares Ultra S&P500 USD Class	17.00%
ProShares Ultra QQQ USD Class	16.99%
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ETF USD Class	13.89%
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust USD Class	9.39%
Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF USD Class	8.35%
Direxion Daily S&P 500 Bull 3X USD Class	8.07%
iShares Select Dividend ETF USD Class	7.33%
ProShares UltraPro S&P 500	6.09%
HCM BBH SWEEP	1.81%
Ralph Lauren Corporation	0.48%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	10.60%

## Industry Sector/Investment Type\*

As of December 31, 2025



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<sup>2</sup>**Risk and volatility measures explained - Alpha:** Excess return of an investment relative to the return of a benchmark index. **Beta:** Measures the responsiveness of a stock's price to changes in the overall stock market. **R<sup>2</sup>:** Indicates the percentage of variance in the dependent variable that the independent variables explain collectively. **Sharpe Ratio:** Risk adjusted return of the portfolio. **Standard Deviation:** Square root of fund's variance from its expected return.



**Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the HCM Funds. This and other important information about the Funds are contained in the Prospectus, which can be obtained at [www.howardcmfunds.com](http://www.howardcmfunds.com) or by calling (770) 642-4902 or 855-969-8464. The Prospectus should be read carefully before investing.**

The Funds' portfolio holdings as of the end of each calendar month are posted on the Funds' website no later than thirty days after the end of each month. This posted information generally remains accessible until the Funds post the information for the next calendar month to the Funds' website. The Funds may choose to post their portfolio holdings on a more frequent basis, especially during periods of high market volatility. These off-cycle disclosures will be replaced with the normal monthly release when available.

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