

Q4 2021 PRESENTATION BOOK

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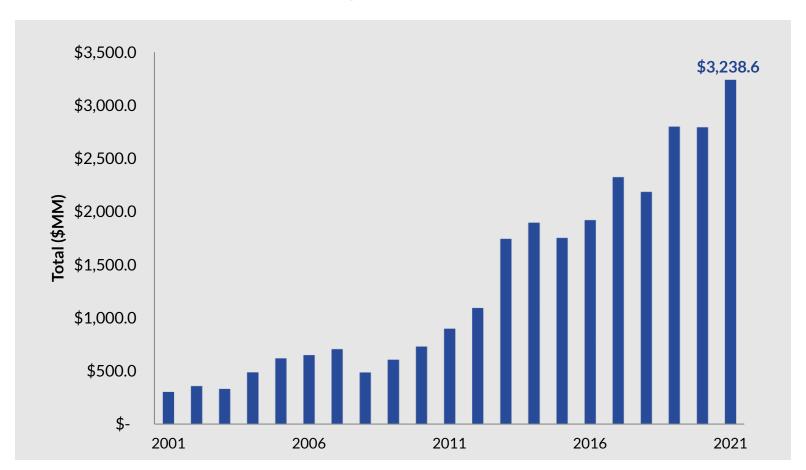
#### **Important Facts**

- Founded in 1980
- Headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan
- Portfolio managers and analysts average over 20 years of investment experience
- Investment adviser to the Ave Maria Mutual Funds

#### Our Philosophy

- Importance placed on long-term relationships
- Investment goals consistent with risk tolerance levels
- Prudent management utilizes trust-quality investments
- Seek to provide above-average returns and below-average risk
- Our reputation is our most valuable asset
- The Ave Maria Mutual Funds couple intelligent, disciplined investing with Catholic Values

#### **Growth of Assets Under Management**



#### **Equity Investment Discipline**

- Emphasize companies with superior business characteristics
- Utilize independent analysis and proprietary screening supplemented by
   Wall Street research
- Purchase shares of financially sound companies when they are out of favor and attractively priced
- Buy across market capitalizations if price represents a significant discount to our estimate of intrinsic value
- Contrarian discipline designed to reduce the risk of loss and enhance returns
- Sell stocks when they no longer meet our standards

## **Experienced Portfolio Managers**



George P. Schwartz, CFA						
Years of investment experience	Funds managed					
40+	Bond, Rising Dividend					



Adam P. Gaglio, CFA					
Years of investment experience	Funds managed				
9	Focused, Growth				



Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA					
Years of investment experience	Fund managed				
24	Value				



Chadd M. Garcia, CFA						
Years of investment experience	Funds managed					
18	Focused, Growth					

## **Experienced Portfolio Managers**



Brandon S. Scheitler					
Years of investment experience	Fund managed				
16	Bond, Rising Dividend				



Ryan M. Kuyawa, CFA					
Years of investment experience	Fund managed				
20	Value				



Anthony W. Ger	nnaro, CFA, CPA
Years of investment experience	Fund managed
24	World Equity

#### **Investment Objective**

The Ave Maria Bond Fund investment objective is to provide preservation of capital with a reasonable level of current income. The Fund invests in investment-grade debt of domestic corporations, U.S. Government agencies and municipalities. Up to 20% of the Fund may be invested in dividend-paying common stocks.

#### Our Approach

- Combine top-down and bottom-up analysis
- Manage duration based on interest rate outlook
- Sector weightings are based upon economic forecast and incremental yields available
- Security selections based on individual credit spreads and credit worthiness
- Credit decisions are derived from fundamental business analysis utilized for all Funds

#### **Investment Process**



#### Investable Universe

- Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government/Credit Index is the benchmark
- We exclude bonds and stocks inconsistent with core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. This excludes about 5% of the companies in the Russell 3000® Index



#### **Buy Discipline**

We consider the following factors:

- All securities must pass the moral screens set forth by the Catholic Advisory Board
- Issuer's credit strength and management's capital allocation history
- Securities effective duration and yield



Bond Credit Quality as of 12/31/21														
S&P					Moody's				Fitch					
AAA	AA	Α	BBB	Not Rated	Aaa	Aa	Α	Baa	Not Rated	AAA	AA	А	BBB	Not Rated
3%	49%	37%	11%	0%	36%	16%	35%	10%	3%	36%	0%	10%	3%	51%

Credit-quality ratings for each issue are obtained from Bloomberg, Inc. using ratings derived from Standard & Poor's (S&P), Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) and Fitch Ratings (Fitch). These ratings represent the opinions of their respective organizations as to the quality of the securities they rate. S&P ratings range from AAA (extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitment) to D (in default), while Moody's ratings range from Aaa (best quality issue with lowest risk) to C (poor grade with high risk). Fitch ratings range from AAA (investment grade) to D (speculative). Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. Ratings are relative and are not absolute standards of quality.

#### **Risk Controls**

- Bottom-up security selection based on fundamentals (diversified, well managed companies)
- No more than 25% industry concentration
- Position sizes generally limited to 3% at the time of purchase
- Portfolio holdings typically range from 80-105 issues
   (Bonds: 60-85, Dividend-Paying Common Stocks: 18-25)



### Sell Discipline

- Securities are sold when they no longer meet criteria for investment
- More attractive opportunities available
- Company becomes a violator of any moral screen established by our Catholic Advisory Board
- As part of a program to reconfigure the portfolio

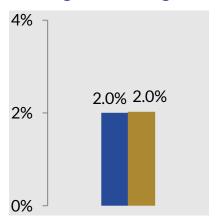


#### Portfolio Characteristics as of December 31, 2021

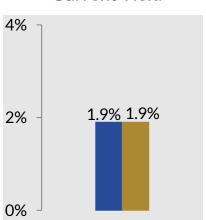
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Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Govt/Credit Index

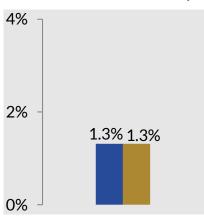
Weighted Average Coupon



**Current Yield** 



Yield to Maturity



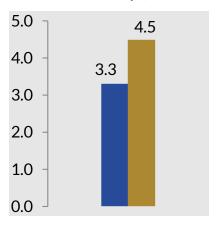
(Source: Bloomberg)

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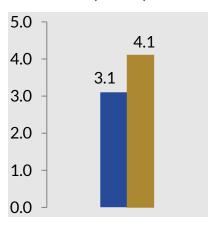
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# Weighted Average Maturity (Years)

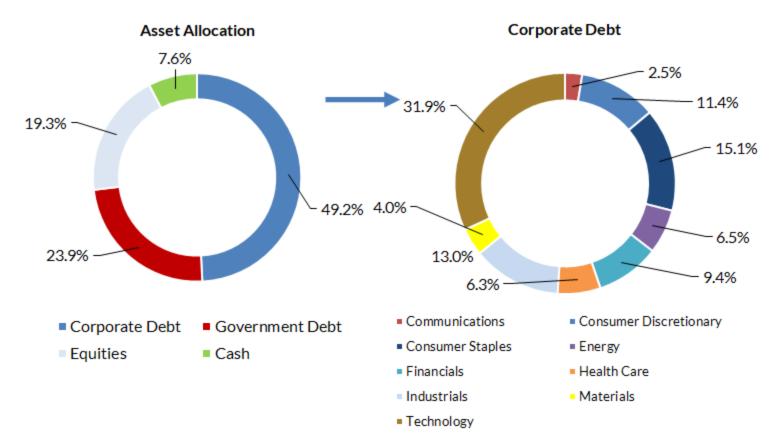


## Option Adjusted Duration (Years)



(Source: Bloomberg)

#### Portfolio Breakdown by Sector as of December 31, 2021\*



<sup>\*</sup> Fund holdings are for illustrative purposes, subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell securities.

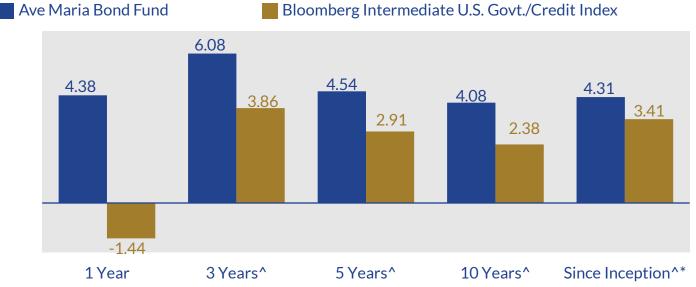
#### Portfolio Top Holdings as of December 31, 2021

Top 10 Holdings*	19.7% of Net Assets
<ol> <li>U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Sec. 0.50% due</li> <li>04/15/24</li> </ol>	2.3%
<sup>2.</sup> Illinois Tool Works, Inc. 2.65% due 11/15/26	2.2%
<sup>3.</sup> U.S. Treasury Note 2.875% due 11/30/23	2.1%
<sup>4.</sup> U.S. Treasury Note 2.125% due 11/30/24	2.1%
<sup>5.</sup> U.S. Treasury Note 1.625% due 08/31/22	2.0%
<sup>6.</sup> U.S. Treasury Note 0.375% due 04/15/24	2.0%
<sup>7.</sup> U.S. Treasury Note 0.50% due 03/31/25	2.0%
8. Lockheed Martin Corporation	1.8%
9. U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Sec. 0.375% due 07/15/27	1.6%
<sup>10.</sup> BlackRock, Inc. 3.20% due 03/15/27	1.6%

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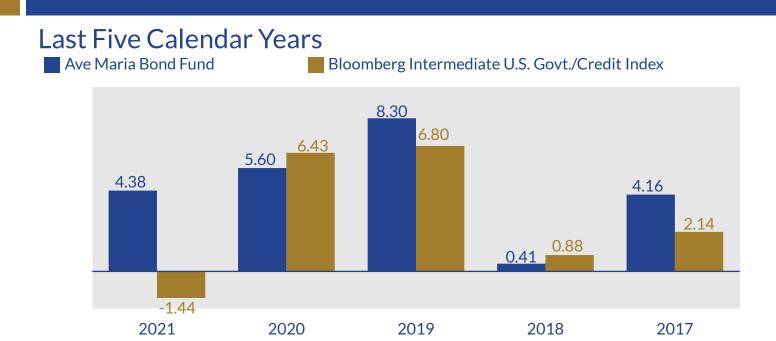
The most current available data regarding portfolio holdings can be found on our website, www.avemariafunds.com. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.





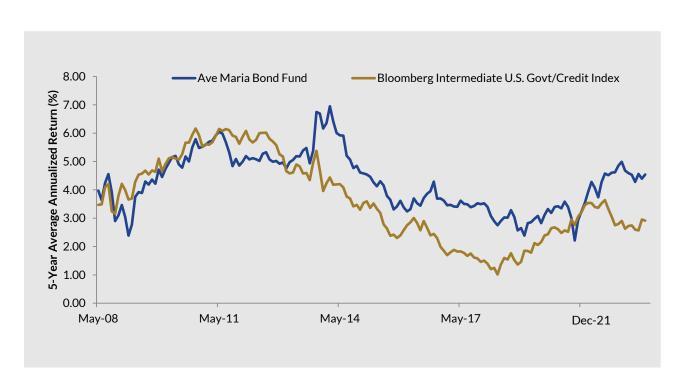
<sup>^</sup> Annualized \* Since Inception date is 5-1-2003

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#### 5-Year Rolling Periods Summary (Inception to December 31, 2021)



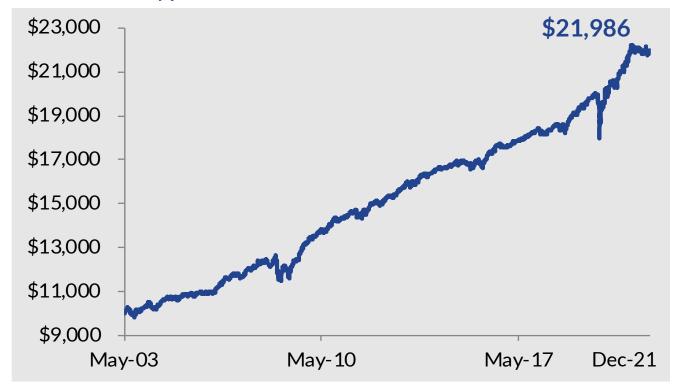
For the 164 5-year rolling time periods, the Fund generated positive returns 100% of the time.

High (03/2009 to 02/2014): 6.95% Low (04/2015 to 03/2020): 2.21% Average 5-Year Rolling Period: 4.28%

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Source: Mellon Analytical Solutions, Inc. January 2022

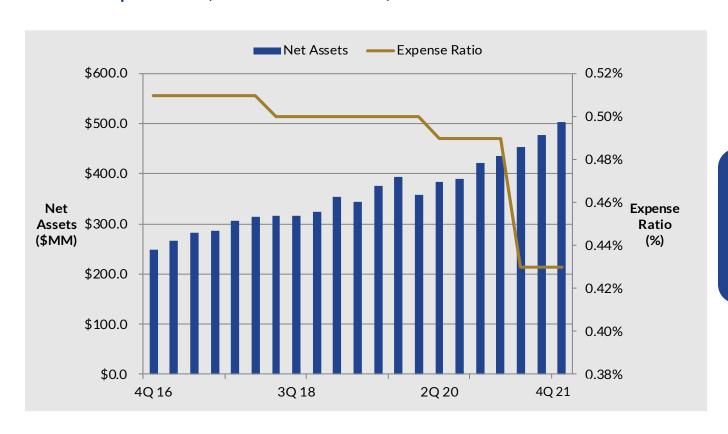
## Growth of a Hypothetical \$10,000 Investment<sup>†</sup>



† From 5-1-03 to 12-31-21. Reflects reinvested distributions and the beneficial effect of any expense reduction and does not guarantee future results.

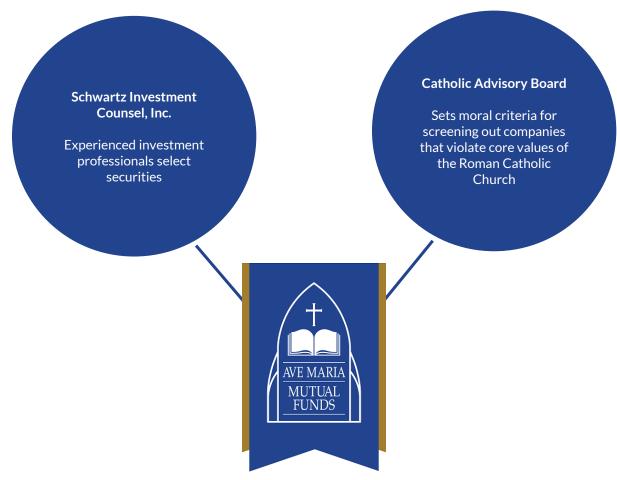
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### Assets and Expenses (Last Five Years)



The expense ratio has decreased in recent years.

## **Organizational Structure**



## **Diversified Fund Family**

Value Fund (AVEMX)							
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation						
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in companies that are believed to be undervalued relative to their intrinsic worth						
Inception Date	May 1, 2001						

Growth Fund (AVEGX)						
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation					
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in mid-cap and larger companies offering above-average potential for growth in revenues, profits and cash flow					
Inception Date	May 1, 2003					

Rising Dividend Fund (AVEDX)		
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation and a rising stream of dividend payments	
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in dividend-paying common stocks with price appreciation potential	
Inception Date	May 2, 2005	

World Equity Fund (AVEWX)	
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in companies of all capitalizations from around the world
Inception Date	April 30, 2010

Focused Fund (AVEAX)	
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in companies of all sizes offering high earnings growth potential
Inception Date	May 1, 2020

Bond Fund (AVEFX)	
Investment Goal	Preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income
Primary Investment Focus	Invests primarily in domestic investment-grade debt of government and corporate issuers. May invest up to 20% of its assets in equities
Inception Date	May 1, 2003

#### **Institutional Shareholders**

- 69 Schools & Universities
- 14 Endowment Funds
- 45 Foundations
- 65 Dioceses
- 59 Churches
- 162 Other Organizations

As of 12-31-21

#### Catholic Advisory Board

Composed of prominent Catholics who provide religious guidance in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church, the Board meets regularly to review the Funds' religious standards and criteria.



Robby George, PhD Professor, Princeton University



Scott Hahn Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville



Lou
Holtz, Emeritus
Former Head
Football Coach
University of
Notre Dame



Larry
Kudlow, Emeritus
Former National
Economic Council
Director & Fox
News Anchor



Tom Monaghan Chairman of the Ave Maria Foundation

Episcopal Advisors



Melissa Moschella, PhD Professor, Catholic University of America



Gloria Purvis Columnist and Media Commentator



Father Riccardo, Emeritus Executive Director, ACTS XXIX



Paul Roney, CPA President of Domino's Farms Corporation



**Lila Rose**President of Live
Action



His Eminence
Adam Cardinal
Maida
Archbishop of
Detroit. Emeritus



Allen
Vigneron
Archbishop of
Detroit

#### **Moral Screens**

Companies Eliminated by the Ave Maria Mutual Funds Moral Screens

**Abortion** 

Abortifacient
Producers, Hospitals
Insurance Companies &
Retail

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Companies engaged in embryonic stem cell research

**Planned Parenthood** 

Companies that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood (the largest provider of abortions in the U.S.)

**Pornography** 

Producers &
Distributors, including
Media Cos., Hotels,
Retail, Internet & Cable
Providers

The screening process eliminates approximately 150 of the companies in the Russell 3000® Index, leaving 95% of this universe eligible for investment.



For additional information, call **1-866-AVE-MARIA** (1-866-283-6274) Or visit avemariafunds.com

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc., a registered investment adviser established in 1980, serves as investment adviser for Ave Maria Mutual Funds and invests only in securities that meet the Funds' investment and religious requirements. The returns may be lower or higher than if decisions were based solely on investment considerations. The method of security selection may or may not be successful and the Funds may underperform or outperform the stock market as a whole. All mutual funds are subject to market risk, including possible loss of principal. The Funds' investments in small and mid capitalization companies could experience greater volatility than investments in large capitalization companies. AVEWX invests in foreign securities and securities issued by U.S. entities with substantial foreign operations. Investments in these securities can involve additional risks relating to political, economic or regulatory conditions in foreign countries. These risks include less stringent investor protection and disclosure standards of some foreign markets; fluctuations in foreign currencies; and withholding or other taxes. AVEFX invests primarily in fixed income securities and as a result the Fund is also subject to the followings risks: interest rate risk, credit risk, credit rating risk and liquidity risk, AVEDX invests primarily in dividend paying companies and it is possible these companies may eliminate or reduce their dividend payments. AVEAX is classified as non-diversified and may therefore invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a limited number of issuers than a fund that is diversified. At times, the Fund may overweight a position in a particular issuer or emphasize investment in a limited number of issuers, industries or sectors, which may cause its share price to be more susceptible to any economic, business, political or regulatory occurrence affecting an issuer than a fund that is more widely diversified. The issuers that the Fund may emphasize will vary from time to time.

Request a prospectus, which includes investment objectives, risks, fees, charges and expenses and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing. The prospectus can be obtained by calling 1-866-283-6274 or it can be viewed at www.avemariafunds.com. Distributed by Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC. Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc. is not affiliated with Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC.