# KL Allocation Fund

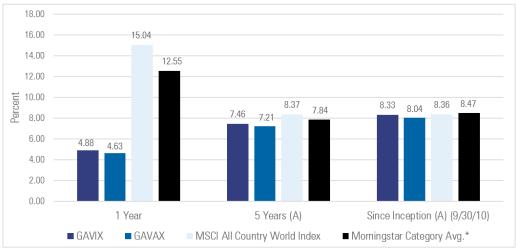
I-share: GAVIX A-share: GAVAX **QUARTERLY REPORT** 

### Q1 2017 Performance Update & Commentary

#### By Knowledge Leaders Capital Investment Team

The fund experienced appreciation of 4.52% (I-shares) for the quarter. While this trails the 6.91% increase in the MSCI All Country World Index (our primary benchmark), it did exceed the performance of our secondary benchmark, a blend of 60% MSCI All Country World Index and 40% Barclays US Treasury Index, which rose 4.39% in the quarter. Importantly, the fund remains positioned to take advantage of longer-term trends we expect will continue to play out over the course of the year, such as the continuation of foreign outperformance and late cycle leadership in the stock market.

Performance trends across the developed world in the first quarter were a most peculiar mixture of cyclical and counter-cyclical outperformance. Performance was led by the hypercyclical technology sector in the first quarter, while energy was the weakest global sector. The second best performing sector was the counter-cyclical health care sector. The third best performing sector was the late-cyclical materials sector, and the fourth best was the latecyclical industrials sector. Fund performance reflected these trends, with our industrials, health care and materials exposure contributing the most to performance while energy exposure detracted from performance. Even these trends diverged in different geographies. For instance, in developed Asia, the energy sector was the best performing sector while financials were the worst performing sector. This is especially ironic since 30-year Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) experienced a 15 basis points (bps) increase. From a geographic perspective, developed Europe was the best performing geography, Asia was second and North America came in last. The emerging markets turned in a great first quarter performance, notching gains almost triple that of the developed markets on an equal-weighted USD basis; Latin America was the standout with performance led by the industrials and consumer discretionary sectors.



			<b>MSCI All Country</b>	Morningstar
As of 3/31/2017	GAVIX	GAVAX	World Index	Category Avg.*
1 Year	4.88	4.63	15.04	12.55
5 Years (Annualized)	7.46	7.21	8.37	7.84
Since Inception (Annualized)	8.33	8.04	8.36	8.47

The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end please call 888.998.9890 or visit our website at www.KnowledgeLeadersFunds.com.

The total annual operating expenses of the Fund are 1.46% and 1.21% and net expenses are 1.47% and 1.22% for the Advisor and Institutional Classes, respectively. The inception date for the KL Allocation Fund is 9/30/10.

Please consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus or summary prospectus that contains this and other information about the Fund, is available by calling 888.998.9890 and should be read carefully.

### Key Facts (as of 3/31/2017)

NAV (GAVIX/GAVAX): \$14.12/\$13.95 Ticker: GAVIX/GAVAX I-share CUSIP: 461418659 A-share CUSIP: 461418667 Inception Date: 9/30/2010 Morningstar Category: Allocation - 70% to

85% Equity AUM: \$477,807,897 Gross Expense Ratio: 1.21%/1.46% Annually

Distribution Frequency:



periods, Class I shares among 347, 347, 286 Allocation-70% to 85% Equity ds, respectively as of 3/31/2017, based on risk-adjusted perform

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Ratings may reflect fee waivers in effect; in their absence, ratings may have been lower. Ratings for other share classes may vary. As of 3/31/2017, the KL Allocation Fund (GAVIX) was rated against the 3/31/2017, the KL Allocation Fund (JAVIX) was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled Allocation - 70% to 85% Equity Funds over the following time periods: 347 funds in the last three years, 286 funds in the last five years and 347 funds overall. With respect to these Allocation - 70% to 85% Equity Funds, the KL Allocation Fund (GAVIX) received a Morningstar Rating of 4 stars, 3 stars and 3 stars for the three-year, five-year and overall periods, respectively. respectively.

The Fund's advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or pay for operating expenses of the Fund to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses (excluding any taxes, leverage interest, brokerage commissions, dividend expenses on short sales, acquired fund fees and expenses (as determined in accordance with SEC Form N-1A), expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, and extraordinary expenses such as litigation expenses) do not exceed 1.50% and 1.25% of the average daily net assets for Advisor Class and Institutional Class shares of the Fund, respectively. This agreement is in effect until December 31, 2017, and it may be terminated before that date only by the Tuxt's Board of Trustees. The Fund's advisor is permitted to seek reimbursement from the Fund, subject to limitations, of fees waived for payments made to the Fund for a period of three years from the date of the waiver or payment. date of the waiver or payment.

### **For More Information**

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<sup>\*</sup>Category average for the Morningstar Allocation - 70% to 85% Equity category



### **Risk Metrics**

Because the fund has a dual objective of capital appreciation and capital preservation, we shine the spotlight on risk-adjusted performance metrics.

Over the previous five years the fund is in the top 14th percentile for alpha among our peers in the Morningstar Allocation 70-85% Equity category. The fund ranks in the top 10th percentile among our peers considering the Treynor Ratio and in the top 6th percentile using the upside/downside capture ratio.

With a focus on capital preservation, we are in the first percentile for max drawdown compared to our peer group, demonstrating our commitment to capital preservation.

Risk Metric	GAVIX	MSCI ACWI	GAVIX % Rank
Beta	0.53	1.00	Morningstar Category % Rank 5 Year  Best=1 Worst=100
Alpha (%)	2.82	0.00	Morningstar Category % Rank 5 Year  Best=1 Worst=100
Standard Deviation (%)	7.33	11.06	Morningstar Category % Rank 5 Year  Best=1 Worst=100
Max Drawdown (%)	-6.31	-13.45	Morningstar Category % Rank 5 Year  Best=1 Worst=100
Treynor Ratio	13.82	8.23	Morningstar Category % Rank 5 Year  Best=1 Worst=100
Up/Down Capture Ratio	1.47	1.00	Morningstar Category % Rank 5 Year  Best=1 Worst=100

Source: Morningstar. Trailing 5 years as of 3/31/2017

The Morningstar percentile ranking is based on the fund's beta relative to all funds that have the same category for the same time period. The KL Allocation Fund (GA-VIX) was in the 17 percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar Allocation—70% to 85% Equity Category; 2% in the 3 year period among 347 peers, and 1% in the 5 year period among 286 peers. The Morningstar percentile ranking is based on the fund's alpha relative to all funds that have the same category for the same time period. The KL Allocation Fund (GAVIX) was in the 95 percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar Allocation—70% to 85% Equity Category, 9% in the 3 year period among 347 peers, and 14% in the 5 year period among 286 peers. The Morningstar percentile ranking is based on the fund's standard deviation relative to all funds that have the same category for the same time period. The KL Allocation Fund (GAVIX) was in the 9 percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile ranking is based on the fund's max drawdown relative to all funds that have the same category for the same time period. The KL Allocation Fund (GAVIX) was in the 2 percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar Allocation—70% to 85% Equity Category; 1% in the 3 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 286 peers. The Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar percentile for the 1 year period among 397 peers in the Morningstar perce



Seeks to:

# CAPTURE THE KNOWLEDGE EFFECT

in your portfolio

#### Q: What is the Knowledge Effect?

A: A market inefficiency that leads the stocks of highly innovative companies to experience excess returns. The KL Allocation Fund was designed to capture these excess returns.

# Q: What is the Knowledge Leaders Strategy?

A: The Knowledge Leaders Strategy seeks to transform the Knowledge Effect into portfolio alpha.

# **Allocation Analysis**

The overall portfolio allocation was relatively unchanged from the fourth quarter. The fund is currently allocated 70% to equities, 21% to fixed income and 8% in cash. While the fixed income markets experienced a difficult fourth quarter, the first quarter was comparatively more tame. Yields on longer dated US Treasuries were basically unchanged.

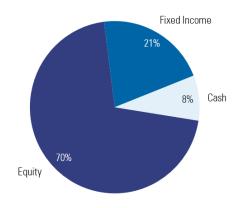
Our sector allocation reflects our view that we are in the later stages of an economic expansion. As such, the fund's allocation to the late cyclical sectors (energy, materials and industrials) is 60% of the total equity allocation. Countercyclical exposure to the consumer staples and health care sectors is 19% of total equity exposure.

Geographically, the equity allocation of the fund is 44% in the United States and 56% outside the US. Among the largest international allocations are Japan (22%) and the United Kingdom (7%). As mentioned earlier, North America was the weakest performing geography among the developed world, so our overweight in international stocks contributed positively to performance.

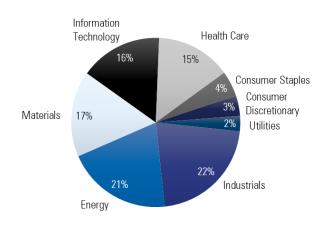
The combination of fixed income and cash continued to account for roughly 30% of the portfolio. Fixed income exposure is exclusively to the US Treasury market, with interest rates in the US above those prevailing across most of the developed world.

Breaking down the maturity profile of the fund's fixed income holdings, nearly 30% of the fixed income holdings were in the 3-7 year sector and 15% in the 7-10 year sector. The fund had just under 12% of its fixed income allocation in the 10-20 year sector, while just over 43% of the fixed income allocation was in the 20+ year sector.

#### **Overall Asset Allocation**

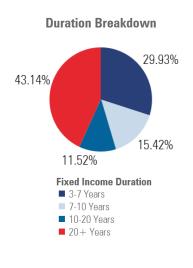


### **Equity Allocation by Sector**

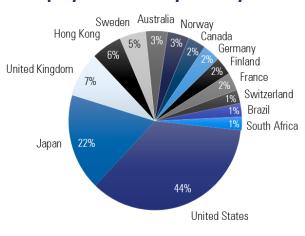


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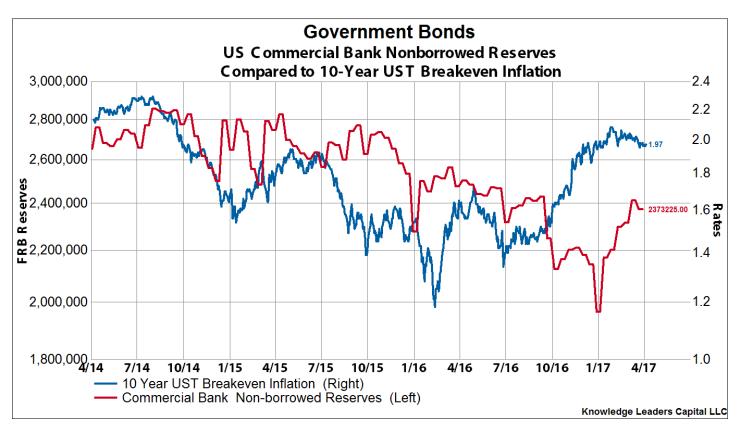


### **Equity Allocation by Country**



## **Allocation Analysis - cont.**

The Federal Reserve just completed its third rate hike in March. The first rate hike in December 2015 coincided with a significant drop in commercial bank reserves deposited at the Fed and led to a big drop in the breakeven inflation component of the 10-year US Treasury Bond. Recent hikes were not associated with big drops in commercial bank reserves as a result of the debt ceiling. As the US Treasury ran down hundreds of billions of USD on deposit with the Fed, it actually appeared more like the Fed was back to QE, buying assets. We think this is a mirage, and subsequent rate increases could again trigger a drop in the amount of commercial bank reserves and in turn the breakeven inflation component of the 10-year US Treasury.



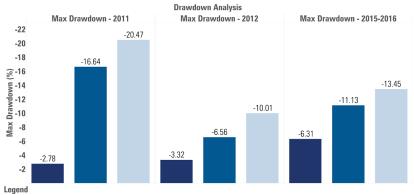
Source: Knowledge Leaders Capital. Data as of 3/31/2017.

### Why GAVIX?

- Seeks to capture the Knowledge Effect the excess returns of highly innovative companies – in your portfolio
- Top quartile risk metrics
- A satellite asset that may help investors improve portfolio performance, efficiency and downside protection

### **Historic Drawdowns**

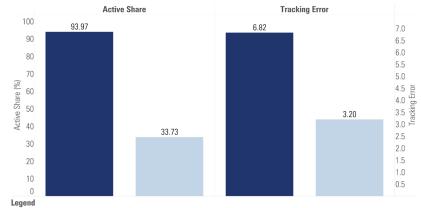
Analysis of GAVIX's performance during historic drawdowns reveals that the fund has managed to largely avoid the more significant declines witnessed in the benchmark MSCI ACWI as well as among its peers in the Morningstar Allocation--70-85% Equity Category. In 2011, the fund fell less than 3% while the benchmark tumbled more than 20%. A year later, the fund was down just over 3% while the MSCI ACWI declined 10%. And, over the last couple years, the fund fell less than half of the overall market which is down more than 13%.



- · KL Allocation Fund Institutional Class
- US Fund Allocation--70% to 85% Equity
- MSCI All Country World Index (TR. USD)

### **Active Share**

In order to have the chance for returns that are different from a benchmark, a fund must have holdings that are significantly different than that benchmark. Using active share—a number on a scale of 0-100% with a higher percentage indicating a more differentiated set of holdings relative to a benchmark—we find that GAVIX is indeed meaningfully different from the MSCI ACWI while the average peer in the Allocation--70%-85% Equity category is much less so. The higher tracking error exhibited by GAVIX is another indication that the portfolio's returns do not closely follow those of the benchmark.

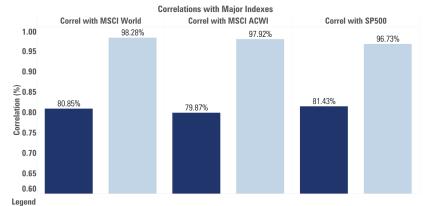


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Tracking error trailing 5 years. Data as of 3/31/2017

### **Correlations**

Finally, in examining GAVIX's correlation with major indexes like the MSCI World, MSCI ACWI, and S&P 500, it is evident that, compared to the average of other funds in the category, the returns of GAVIX are significantly less aligned with those of the benchmarks. While peer funds' correlations are 96% or higher, GAVIX remains, at most, 81% correlated to these indexes.



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- US Fund Allocation 70%-85% Equity

Trailing 5 years. Data as of 3/31/2017

# **KL Allocation Fund Holdings**

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Consumer Discretionary	2.24%
Meredith	1.07%
Sekisui Chemical Co Ltd	0.77%
Belle Int'l Holdings Ltd	0.40%
Consumer Staples	3.14%
Ambev SA	0.82%
Tate & Lyle Plc	0.80%
China Resources Beer (Holdings) Co	0.77%
Sun Art Retail Group Ltd	0.75%
Energy	14.61%
National Oilwell Varco Inc	1.50%
Statoil ASA	1.35%
Schlumberger Ltd	1.32%
Noble Energy Inc	1.25%
Origin Energy Ltd	1.18%
China Shenhua	1.14%
Petrochina Co Ltd	1.10%
Chevron Corp	1.01%
Suncor Energy Inc	1.00%
Inpex Corp	1.00%
TechnipFMC	0.95%
Oil States International	0.94%
Subsea 7 SA	0.87%
Health Care	10.41%
Elekta AB	1.27%
Tsumura & Co	1.23%
Waters Corp	1.23%
Becton Dickinson & Co	1.18%
Merck & Co Inc	1.12%
Varian Medical Systems Inc	1.07%
Baxter Intl Inc	0.83%
Otsuka Holdings Co Ltd	0.81%
Laboratory Corp	0.81%
Life Healthcare Group Holdings Ltd	0.70%
Varex Imaging	0.16%
Industrials	15.71%
Sandvik AB	1.32%
Siemens Ag	1.24%

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Rolls-Royce Holdings Plc	1.19%
Stanley Black & Decker Inc	1.18%
Komatsu Ltd	1.18%
Ingersoll-Rand Plc	1.15%
Dover Corp	1.14%
Fuji Electric	1.10%
Metso Oyj	1.10%
Schindler	1.03%
Asahi Glass	1.02%
Recruit Holdings Co Ltd	0.94%
SKF AB	0.77%
Mitsubishi Electric Corp	0.73%
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd	0.62%
Information Technology	11.43%
Yaskawa Electric Corp	1.38%
Adobe Systems Inc	1.35%
Microsoft Corp	1.16%
Alphabet Inc	1.15%
Silicon Laboratories	1.12%
Knowles	1.04%
FLIR Systems	1.02%
Horiba Ltd	0.87%
Microchip Technology Inc	0.82%
CGI Group Inc	0.72%
Intuit	0.71%
lbiden	0.09%
Materials	11.87%
Antofagasta Plc	1.68%
Dow Chemical Co	1.20%
Celanese Corp	1.18%
Rio Tinto Ltd	1.13%
Sumitomo Metal Mining Co Ltd	1.09%
Mosaic Co	1.07%
Scotts Miracle-Gro Co	1.06%
BHP Billiton Plc	0.99%
JFE Holdings	0.93%
JSR Corp	0.81%
Ube Industries Ltd	0.73%

Utilities	1.07%
Atos	1.07%
Bonds	21.04%
US Treasury Note 2.125% 15-AUG-2021	3.35%
US Treasury Note 2.00% 15-AUG-2025	3.24%
US Treasury Note 1.50% 31-MAY-2020	2.95%
US Treasury Note 1.625% 15-FEB-2026	2.42%
US Treasury Bond 3.125% 15-AUG-2044	2.29%
US Treasury Bond 2.25% 15-AUG-2046	2.27%
US Treasury Bond 3.00% 15-NOV-2045	2.27%
US Treasury Bond 2.50% 15-MAY-2046	2.25%
Cash	8.48%



#### **Risk Disclosures & Definitions**

**The KL Allocation Fund is distributed by IMST Distributors, LLC.** The value of the securities held by the Fund will change due to general market and economic conditions and industry perceptions. Investments in non-US issuers may involve unique risks. Currency fluctuation, adverse political, economic or social developments could undermine the value of the Fund's investments. The securities of mid-cap companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements and may have lower trading volumes. Many of the risks with respect to foreign investments are more pronounced for investments in issuers in developing or emerging market countries. An investment in a fund that is less diversified across countries or geographic regions is generally riskier than an investment in a more geographically diversified fund.

#### Morningstar Rating™

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 periods.

Active Share is the percentage of stock holdings in a portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. Active Share determines the extent of active management being employed by mutual fund managers: the higher the Active Share the more likely a fund is to outperform the benchmark index. Researchers in a 2006 Yale School of Management study determined that funds with higher Active Share will tend to be more consistent in generating high returns against the benchmark indexes. Beta is a measure of the funds 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. **Alpha** is a measure of the portfolio's risk adjusted performance. When compared to the portfolio's beta, a positive alpha indicates better-than-expected portfolio performance and a negative alpha worse-than-expected portfolio performance. Standard Deviation is a calculation used to measure variability of a portfolio's performance. Treynor Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure of return based on systematic risk. It is similar to the Sharpe ratio, with the difference being that the Treynor ratio uses beta as the measurement of volatility. Correlation is the extent to which the returns of different types of investments move in tandem with one another in response to changing economic and market conditions. Correlation is measured on a scale of -1 (negatively correlated) to +1 (completely correlated). Low correlation or negative correlation to traditional stocks and bonds may help reduce risk in a portfolio and provide downside protection. Max Drawdown is the maximum single period loss incurred over the interval being measured. Up/Down Capture Ratio shows whether a fund has outperformed a broad market benchmark during periods of market strength and weakness. The MSCI All Country World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance in 46 developed and emerging markets. The Morningstar Allocation—70% to 85% Equity portfolios seek to provide both capital appreciation and income by investing in multiple asset classes, including stocks, bonds and cash. These portfolios are dominated by domestic holdings and have equity exposures between 8)% to 85%. Basis point is one hundredth of one percent.