

# Parnassus Core Equity Fund

First Quarter 2021

## Strategy

The Parnassus Core Equity Fund invests with low turnover and high conviction in approximately 40 holdings. The Fund focuses on identifying companies with:

- Wide moats or strong competitive advantages that protect market share and profitability
- Relevancy over the long term, which provides a compounding growth component
- Quality management teams that will act in the best interests of shareholders
- Favorable three-year investment horizon

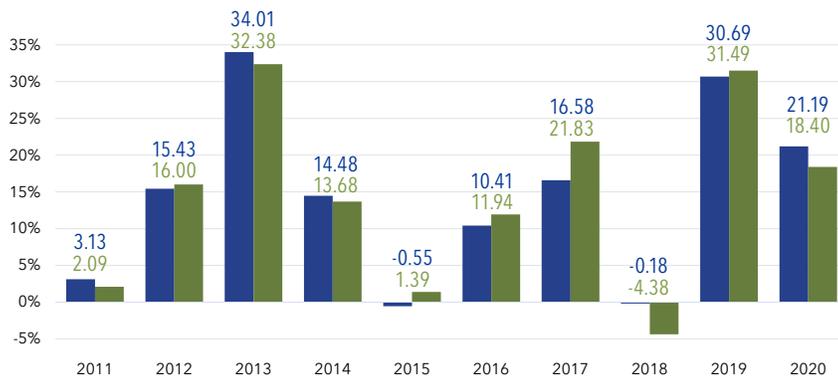
The Fund strives to outperform the S&P 500 Index on a risk-adjusted basis with a high active share. The Fund avoids investing in companies engaged in the extraction, exploration, production or refining of fossil fuels and attempts to shield investors from losses during bear markets, while offering significant upside participation during bull markets.

## Total Returns (%)<sup>1</sup>

As of 3/31/2021	3M	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Incept. 08/31/92
PRBLX	7.13	56.24	19.30	16.27	14.17	11.50
S&P 500 Index	6.17	56.35	16.78	16.29	13.91	10.40

## Annual Returns (%)

● PRBLX ● S&P 500 Index



<sup>1</sup>All returns greater than one year are annualized. <sup>2</sup>Percent based on total net assets as of 3/31/21.

**Risks:** The Fund's share price may change daily based on the value of its security holdings. Stock markets can be volatile, and stock values fluctuate in response to the asset levels of individual companies and in response to general U.S. and international market and economic conditions. In addition to large-cap companies, the Fund may invest in small- and/or mid-cap companies, which can be more volatile than large-cap firms. Security holdings in the fund can vary significantly from broad market indexes.

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## Investor Shares

**PRBLX**

## Morningstar Ratings™

Overall Rating™\*\* ★★★★★

Analyst Rating™ Silver

Sustainability Rating™\*\*\*

\*Overall rating out of 1,225 Large Blend funds as of 3/31/21. \*\*Sustainability Rating as of 2/28/21 based on 100% of AUM for US Equity Large Cap Blend funds.



## Ten Largest Holdings<sup>2</sup>

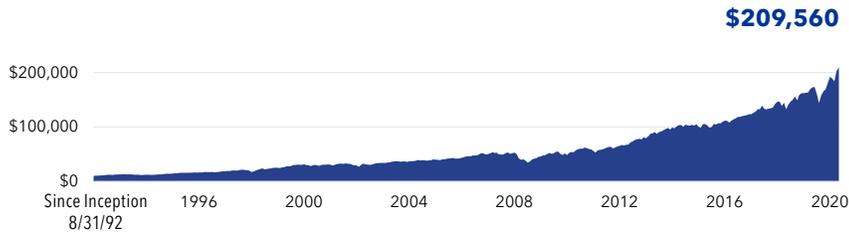
Microsoft Corp.	5.5%
Deere & Co.	4.8%
Comcast Corp., Class A	4.1%
CME Group Inc.	3.9%
Amazon.com Inc.	3.8%
Danaher Corp.	3.7%
Applied Materials Inc.	3.3%
FedEx Corp.	3.2%
Linde plc	3.1%
Verizon Communications Inc.	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.4%</b>

## Sector Weighting<sup>2</sup>

● PRBLX ● S&P 500 Index

Information Technology	30%	27%
Industrials	16%	9%
Communication Services	10%	11%
Financials	10%	11%
Health Care	9%	13%
Consumer Discretionary	8%	12%
Consumer Staples	7%	6%
Real Estate	5%	2%
Materials	3%	3%
Energy	0%	3%
Utilities	0%	3%
Short-Term Investments	2%	0%

## PRBLX – Annual Growth of \$10,000 as of Dec. 31, 2020<sup>3</sup>



### Parnassus Overview

At Parnassus Investments, we invest responsibly to build wealth for our clients. We select businesses that we believe have increasingly relevant products or services, sustainable competitive advantages and quality management teams for our high-conviction portfolios. Every investment we make must meet rigorous fundamental and environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

### Meet the Portfolio Managers



**Todd A. Ahlsten**  
Chief Investment Officer,  
Portfolio Manager  
2001–Present

- 26 years in the industry
- With firm since 1995
- BS, Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley 1994



**Benjamin E. Allen**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Portfolio Manager  
2012–Present

- 22 years in the industry
- With firm since 2005
- MBA, University of California, Berkeley 2005
- AB, Government, Georgetown University 1999

Fund Facts	Investor Shares	Institutional Shares
Ticker	PRBLX	PRILX
Minimum Investment	\$2,000	\$100,000
Gross Expense Ratio	0.86%	0.63%
Net Expense Ratio	0.86%	0.63%
Inception Date	8/31/92	4/28/06

Distribution Frequency	Quarterly	
Total Net Assets	\$ 25.7 B	

Fund Characteristics	Fund	S&P 500 Index
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$363.2 B	\$465.0 B
P/E Ratio	36.3x	29.5x
P/B Ratio	5.3x	4.2x
Active Share	74.5%	–
Number of Holdings	39	505
Portfolio Turnover (2020 Annual)	37.2%	–

PRBLX Statistics (5Y)	Investor Shares	S&P 500 Index
Alpha	1.96%	–
Beta	0.86	1.00
R-Squared	0.94	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.15	1.03
Standard Deviation	13.27%	14.89%

<sup>3</sup>The chart shows the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment since inception and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. It does not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. **Average Weighted Market Cap** is the average capitalization of all stocks in the portfolio, weighted by each holding's size in the portfolio. **Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio** is a ratio of a stock's current price to its per-share earnings over the past 12 months. **Price/Book (P/B) Ratio** is the ratio of a stock's latest closing price divided by its book value per share. **Alpha** is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. **Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. A beta over 1.00 suggests that the share price will typically be more volatile than the market. **R-Squared** is a measurement of how closely the portfolio's performance correlates with the performance of a benchmark index such as the S&P 500 Index. **Standard Deviation** is a calculation used to measure the variability (risk) of a portfolio's performance. **Sharpe Ratio** is a ratio used to measure risk-adjusted performance. It is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns. **Active Share** measures the percentage amount your portfolio differs from a passive benchmark. 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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 3/31/21, the Parnassus Core Equity Fund was rated against the following numbers of Large Blend Funds over the following time periods: 1,225 funds in the last three years, 1,068 funds in the last five years and 809 funds in the last 10 years. With respect to these Large Blend funds, the Parnassus Core Equity Fund – Investor Share class received a Morningstar Rating of 5, 5 and 5 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. The Parnassus Core Equity Fund – Institutional Share Class received a Morningstar rating of 5, 5 and 5 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. The **Morningstar® Sustainability Rating** is a measure of how well the portfolio holdings are managing their ESG Risk relative to the portfolio's Global Category peer group. The Morningstar Historical Sustainability Score is a weighted average of the trailing 12 months of Morningstar Portfolio Sustainability Scores. More-recent portfolios are weighted more heavily than older portfolios. Based on their Morningstar Historical Sustainability Score, funds are assigned absolute category and percent ranks within their Morningstar Global Categories. 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