



Davis New York Venture Fund

Update from Portfolio Managers

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Summary

- Over the most recent one, three and five year periods, a \$10,000 investment grew to \$11,596, \$12,735 and \$18,767, respectively.¹
- Since inception, the Fund has produced a cumulative return more than twice the return of the S&P 500 Index.¹
- Positioned for the future, the Portfolio offers a powerful combination of growth and value by investing in businesses with above-average resilience that trade at attractive prices.
- True active management adds value over time and historical evidence suggests passive index-based investment strategies may be cyclically peaking.

The average annual total returns for Davis New York Venture Fund's Class A shares for periods ending June 30, 2017, including a maximum 4.75% sales charge, are: 1 year, 17.45%; 5 years, 12.64%; and 10 years, 4.81%. The performance presented represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Investment return and principal value will vary so that, when redeemed, an investor's shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. The total annual operating expense ratio for Class A shares as of the most recent prospectus was 0.89%. The total annual operating expense ratio may vary in future years. Returns and expenses for other classes of shares will vary. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. For most recent month-end performance, visit davisfunds.com or call 800-279-0279.

This report includes candid statements and observations regarding investment strategies, individual securities, and economic and market conditions; however, there is no guarantee that these statements, opinions or forecasts will prove to be correct. Equity markets are volatile and an investor may lose money. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

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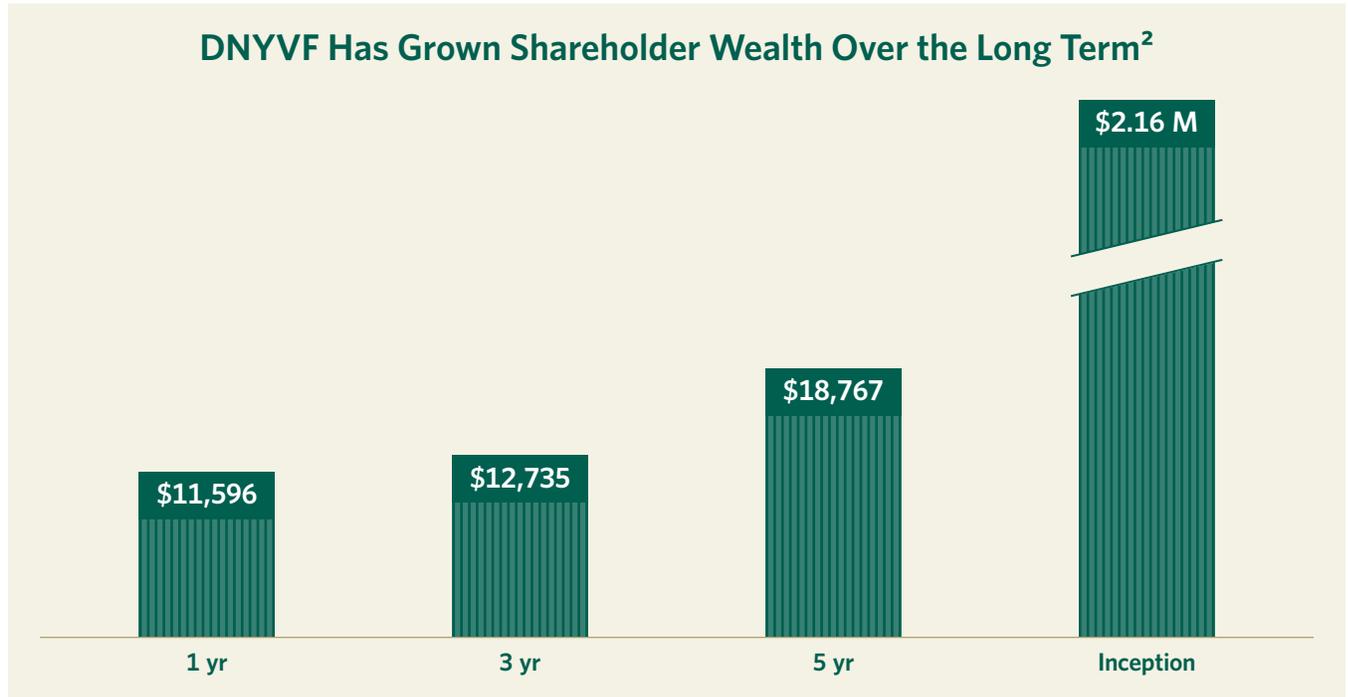
Results of Our Investment Discipline

Our investment discipline has built wealth for shareholders for more than 45 years.

In 2017, Davis New York Venture Fund continued its long record of building shareholder wealth. As shown in the chart below, the value of an initial \$10,000 investment has increased in all periods shown since the Fund's inception.

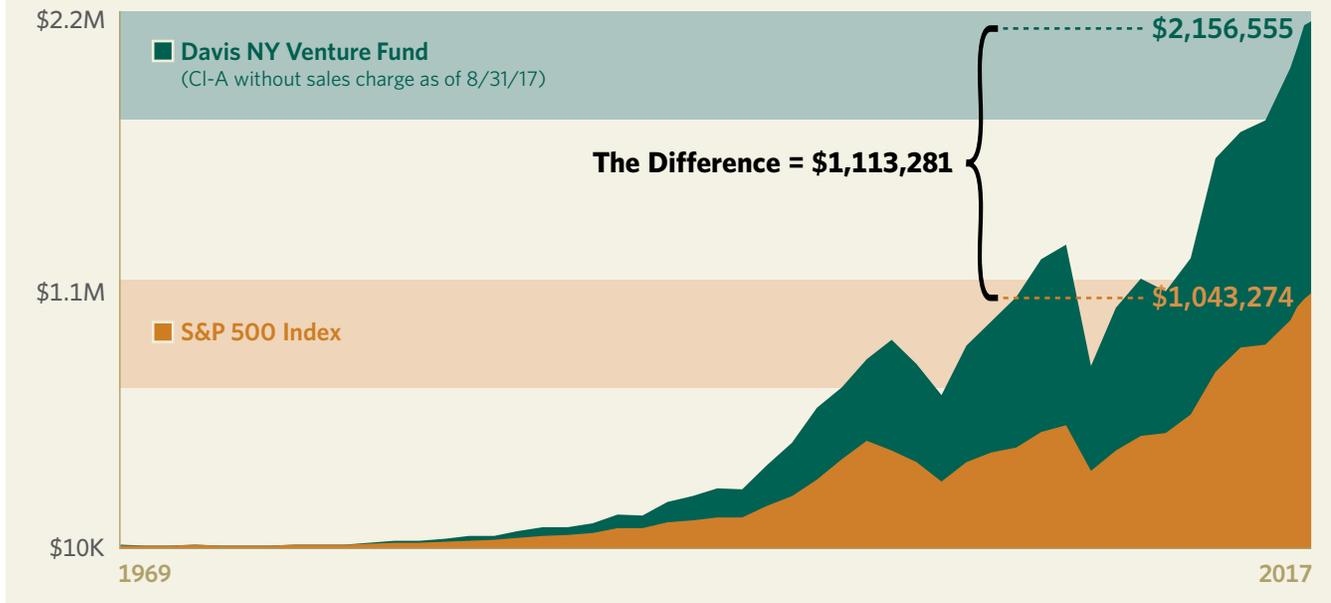
Compounded over decades, our advantage over the S&P 500 Index has created enormous value for shareholders. Just consider an initial \$10,000 investment in Davis New York Venture Fund at our inception would now be worth more than \$2.1 million, more than twice as much as a comparable investment in the S&P 500 Index (as shown in the chart on the next page).²

While our disciplined investment approach has not always been rewarded by the market over every short-term period, our research-driven active management has created wealth for our shareholders over the long run. By standing apart from the crowd, keeping expenses low, investing alongside our shareholders, and ignoring short-term fads, we have built wealth for shareholders and beaten the S&P 500 Index since 1969.



² Class A shares without a sales charge. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** Inception of the Fund was February 17, 1969. Investments cannot be made directly in an index.

DNYVF Since Inception Grew to More than Twice the Value of the Index³



Investment Outlook

Equities should outperform bonds for the next decade.⁴ Invest in beneficiaries of capitalistic creative destruction. Avoid overpriced dividend darlings.

- With bond yields at historic lows, equities should outperform bonds over the next decade.
- Within the equity universe, selectivity is a key to success. We believe durable, well-managed businesses whose true value is not recognized by the market should outperform.
- Technology and globalization are reconfiguring industries at an unprecedented rate. We look for the beneficiaries of this capitalistic creative destruction. Many long-standing brands are being disrupted in unexpected ways and many iconic companies are becoming obsolete. We estimate 75% of the companies in the S&P 500 Index will be replaced in the coming decade at the current rate of change.
- Avoid conventional thinking and remain flexible by considering investments in out-of-favor areas of the market.
- Risks in today's market include companies with unsustainable profit margins and overvalued dividend darlings that are riskier than they appear.⁵ The 25 most commonly held stocks in the five largest dividend-focused ETFs are valued at 25 times earnings, a P/E ratio significantly higher than the market's. ■

3. Class A shares without a sales charge. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** Inception of the Fund was February 17, 1969. Investments cannot be made directly in an index. **4.** Common stocks and bonds represent different asset classes subject to different risks and rewards. Unlike bonds, the Fund does not offer a fixed rate of return if held to maturity, and the Fund has risks not associated with holding a bond. Bonds are considered to have less risk than equities. Future economic events may favor one asset class over another. **5.** While Davis Advisors attempts to manage risk there is no guarantee that an investor will not lose money. Equity markets are volatile and the investment return and principal value of an investment will vary.

Portfolio Update

Positioned for the future, four portfolio themes have allowed us to create a powerful combination of growth and value with above-average resilience and attractive prices.

Global Leaders Trading at Attractive Prices

Some of the strongest and best-known companies in the world make up the largest portion of the Portfolio. Buying top tier businesses at attractive prices is a value investor's dream.⁶



Largest global aerospace supplier (Pratt & Whitney); Number 1 market share in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (Carrier); and elevators (Otis).



Owns a diversified portfolio of attractive businesses including Burlington Northern Railroad, GEICO insurance, and one of the largest utilities in the United States, Berkshire Hathaway Energy (formerly MidAmerican Energy), among other businesses. Competitive world-class capital allocator.



Largest managed care provider in the United States, has generated more than \$184 billion in revenue for fiscal year 2016. Enormous beneficiary of growing health care industry and long-term demographics.

Dominant Lesser-Known Businesses

This group dominates dull but necessary niches in the global economy. Whether they participate in unglamorous industries or are headquartered in different countries, these businesses are not household names to U.S. investors, yet can generate attractive returns.



Industrial leader providing energy, battery and power solutions to the automotive and commercial building markets.



Worldwide leader in cement and aggregates with a deep competitive moat and strong capital allocation discipline.

⁶ Individual securities are discussed in this piece. While we believe we have a reasonable basis for our appraisals and we have confidence in our opinions, actual results may differ materially from those we anticipate. The return of a security to the Fund will vary based on weighting and timing of purchase. This is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any specific security. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

Blue Chips of Tomorrow

Another theme is fast-moving companies that use innovation to disrupt the economics of larger but less agile competitors. Similar to evolution, capitalism is a process of constant change that rewards businesses that can adapt. Over the decades, we have seen many examples of today's disrupters emerging as tomorrow's blue chips.

Alphabet

Global leader in online search, parent company of Google, has generated \$25 billion in free cash flow for fiscal year 2016. Beneficiary of growth in online advertising and proliferation of mobile devices worldwide.

amazon

Global market leader in online retail and cloud computing services with revenues of \$136 billion for fiscal year 2016, growing at double-digit rates.

Beneficiaries of Short-Term Misperceptions

Shortsighted investors often avoid companies that have suffered through challenging periods, creating an opportunity for long-term investors willing to look beyond today's headlines. For example, contrary to perception many top tier banks are not only reporting record earnings with room for further growth but are also far better capitalized than at any time in the last 50 years. In addition, these banks are returning increasing amounts of capital through rising dividends and share repurchases. Turning to the energy sector, we own a select group of focused exploration and production companies with strong capital allocation discipline, highly experienced management and low-cost, long-lived reserves. In contrast to many of their peers, our energy holdings are well positioned to increase production for decades to come.



Historically, one of the most profitable U.S. banks. Record profits in each of the past six years. Serves 70 million customers. Conservatively funds loans through \$1.3 trillion of low cost deposits.

Apache

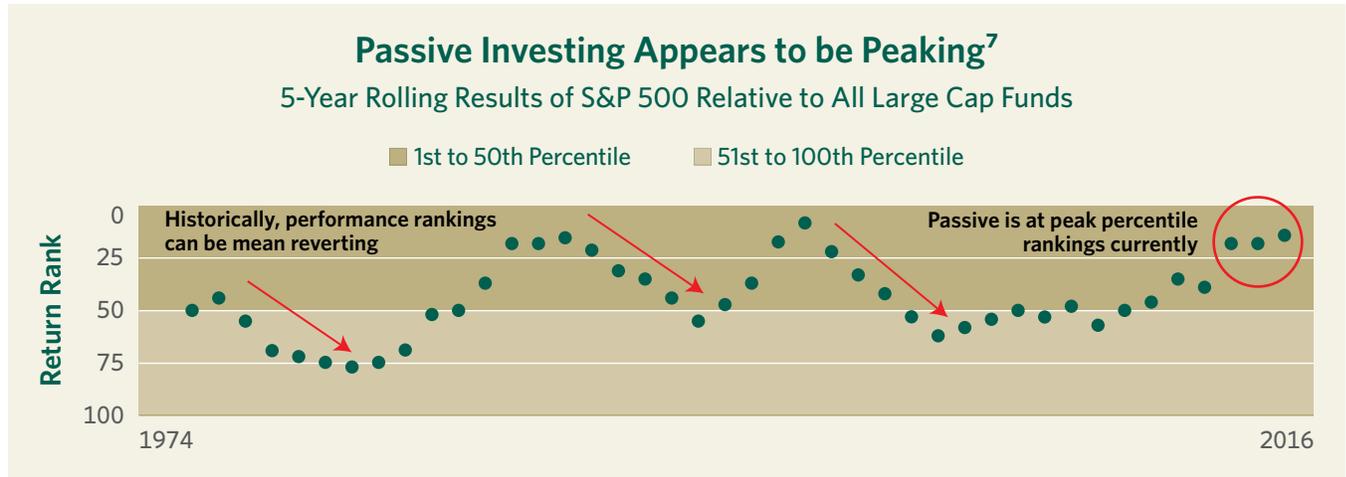
Energy exploration and production company with decades of reserves and strong capital allocation discipline. Owns highly productive, low-cost assets and its newest discovery could double reserves.

By focusing the Portfolio on these four areas of opportunities, we combine above-average resiliency and growth with attractive prices. Rather than trying to predict the unpredictable, this positioning prepares the Portfolio for a wide range of possible outcomes, balancing the strength needed to endure the inevitable storms with the growth required to reach our long-term goals. ■

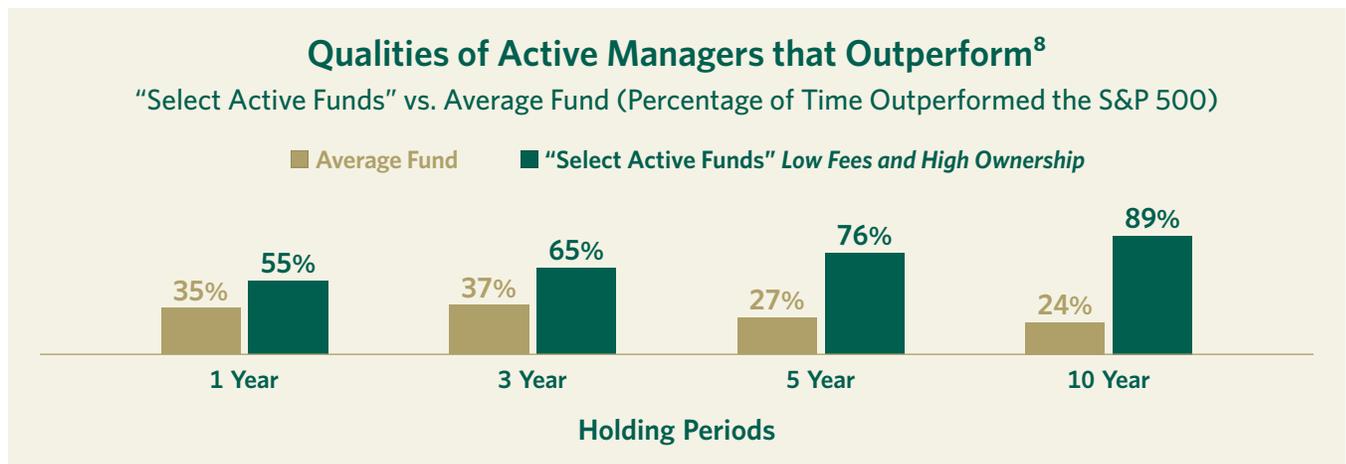
Active vs. Passive: Has Everything Been Said?

Huge fund flows into passive investments have created a momentum-driven feedback loop, as more money is automatically invested in those stocks whose prices have already gone up. Momentum-based strategies lead to bubbles and bubbles eventually burst.

This explains why active and passive investment approaches tend to move in cycles. As the chart below indicates, we are at a cyclical high for passive investing outperformance. Such highs have historically been followed by sharp reversals in which most active managers outperform passive investment strategies.



Moreover, successful active managers possess certain quantifiable characteristics including lower than average fees, differentiation from the benchmark index (sometimes referred to as “active share”), low portfolio turnover, strong alignment of interests, experienced leadership, and a proven record. While investors may rush into passive strategies, the data is overwhelming that select active managers with the characteristics listed above can and have beaten the indexes over the long term. Data presented in the chart below, for example, shows that managers with low fees and high ownership in their own funds have outperformed in 89% of all rolling 10-year periods.



7. Source: Morningstar Direct. Universe includes: Large Value, Large Blend and Large Growth. 8. Source: Capital Group, based on Morningstar data. Based on monthly rolling periods from July 1996 to June 2016. Funds in the “Average Fund” category are those U.S. domestic equity funds in the Morningstar Large Value, Large Blend and Large Growth categories. Funds in the “Select Active Funds” group are those U.S. domestic equity funds in the Morningstar Large Value, Large Blend and Large Growth categories filtered for the quartile with the lowest net expense ratios (NER) and the quartile with the highest manager ownership. U.S. index is S&P 500. The index is unmanaged and, therefore, has no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

At the Davis Funds, all five of our equity funds have outperformed their benchmarks and peers since their inception, including Davis New York Venture Fund, Davis International Fund, Davis Global Fund, Davis Financial Fund, and Davis Opportunity Fund.

	Outperformed Index and Lipper Peer Category⁹ (Since Inception)	Benchmark Agnostic¹⁰	Lower Expenses vs. Peers¹¹	Davis Among Largest Shareholders¹²
Davis New York Venture	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis International	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis Global	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis Financial	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis Opportunity	✓	✓	✓	✓

Conclusion

We see significant opportunity today in global leaders, blue chips of tomorrow, beneficiaries of short-term misperceptions, and beneficiaries of capitalistic creative destruction.

We believe our proven investment discipline, experienced team and the carefully selected companies that make up Davis New York Venture Fund put us in a strong position to build wealth for our shareholders going forward. We look forward to continuing our investment journey together. ■

9. As of 8/31/17. Class A shares without a sales charge. Figures will vary in future periods. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** Lipper Peer Category data is compiled using Lipper, as of 8/31/17. The Index and Lipper Peer Category respectively for each fund are: Davis New York Venture Fund: S&P 500 Index and Large Cap Core; Davis International Fund: MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex US and International Multi-Cap Growth; Davis Global Fund: MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) and Global Multi-Cap Growth; Davis Financial Fund: S&P 500 Index and Financial Services; and Davis Opportunity Fund: Russell 3000 Index and Multi-Cap Growth. Index and Lipper Peer Category average returns are based on the Funds' inception dates except for Large Cap Core, which is based on February 28, 1969. Inception dates for the Funds are: Davis New York Venture Fund: 2/17/69; Davis International Fund: 12/29/06; Davis Global Fund: 12/22/04; Davis Financial Fund: 5/1/91; and Davis Opportunity Fund: 12/1/94. **10.** Portfolio is constructed from the bottom up, on a company by company basis, and is not designed to mirror an index. **11.** Gross expenses. As of the most recent prospectus. See endnotes for expense ratios. **12.** As of June 30, 2017. Includes investments of the Davis family, Davis Advisors, employees and directors.

This report is authorized for use by existing shareholders. A current Davis New York Venture Fund prospectus must accompany or precede this material if it is distributed to prospective shareholders. You should carefully consider the Fund's investment objective, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.

This report includes candid statements and observations regarding investment strategies, individual securities, and economic and market conditions; however, there is no guarantee that these statements, opinions or forecasts will prove to be correct. These comments may also include the expression of opinions that are speculative in nature and should not be relied on as statements of fact.

The investment objective of Davis New York Venture Fund, Davis International Fund, Davis Global Fund, Davis Financial Fund, and Davis Opportunity Fund is long-term growth of capital. There can be no assurance that a Fund will achieve its objective. Some important risks of investments in Davis New York Venture Fund are stock market risk, manager risk, financial services risk, and foreign country risk. Some important risks of investments in Davis Global Fund and Davis International Fund are stock market risk, manager risk, foreign country risk, and emerging market risk. Some important risks of investments in Davis Financial Fund are stock market risk, manager risk, and financial services risk. Some important risks of investments in Davis Opportunity Fund are stock market risk, manager risk, large-capitalization companies risk, and mid- and small-capitalization companies risk.

Risks. Following is a brief description of these risks. **common stock risk:** an adverse event may have a negative impact on a company and could result in a decline in the price of its common stock; **depository receipts risk:** depository receipts may trade at a discount (or premium) to the underlying security and may be less liquid than the underlying securities listed on an exchange; **emerging market risk:** securities of issuers in emerging and developing markets may present risks not found in more mature markets; **fees and expenses risk:** the Fund may not earn enough through income and capital appreciation to offset the operating expenses of the Fund; **financial services risk:** investing a significant portion of assets in the financial services sector may cause the Fund to be more sensitive to problems affecting financial companies; **foreign country risk:** foreign companies may be subject to greater risk as foreign economies may not be as strong or diversified. As of August 31, 2017, Davis New York Venture Fund had approximately 12.2% of assets invested in foreign companies; **foreign currency risk:** the change in value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar will result in a change in the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated in that foreign currency; **headline risk:** the Fund may invest in a company when the company becomes the center of controversy. The company's stock may never recover or may become worthless; **large-capitalization companies risk:** companies with \$10 billion or more in market capitalization generally experience slower rates of growth in earnings per share than do mid- and small-capitalization companies; **manager risk:** poor security selection may cause the Fund to underperform relevant benchmarks; **mid- and small-capitalization companies risk:** companies with less than \$10 billion in market capitalization typically have more limited product lines, markets and financial resources than larger companies, and may trade less frequently and in more limited volume; and **stock market risk:** stock markets have periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices, including sharp declines. See the prospectus for a complete description of the principal risks.

Davis Advisors is committed to communicating with our investment partners as candidly as possible because we believe our investors benefit from understanding our investment philosophy and approach. Our views

and opinions include "forward-looking statements" which may or may not be accurate over the long term. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words like "believe," "expect," "anticipate," or similar expressions. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which are current as of the date of this report. We disclaim any obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. While we believe we have a reasonable basis for our appraisals and we have confidence in our opinions, actual results may differ materially from those we anticipate.

Davis Global Fund and Davis International Fund are subject to a 2% short-term redemption fee for shares held for fewer than 30 days. The expense ratio for Class A shares of each fund vs. its respective peer is: Davis New York Venture Fund: 0.89% vs. 1.21%; Davis International Fund: 1.04% vs. 2.13%; Davis Global Fund: 0.97% vs. 2.14%; Davis Financial Fund: 0.92% vs. 1.54%; Davis Opportunity Fund: 0.95% vs. 1.87%.

As of August 31, 2017, the top ten holdings of Davis New York Venture Fund were: Alphabet Inc., 7.58%; Amazon.com, Inc., 6.42%; Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class A, 6.12%; Wells Fargo & Co., 5.59%; JPMorgan Chase & Co., 5.26%; Bank of New York Mellon Corp., 4.27%; United Technologies Corp., 3.77%; American Express Co., 3.62%; Apache Corp., 3.32%; Didi Chuxing Joint Co., 3.19%.

As of August 31, 2017, the top ten holdings of Davis International Fund were: Naspers Ltd.-N, 5.93%; TAL Education Group, Class A, ADR, 4.92%; Didi Chuxing Joint Co., Series A, 4.83%; Safran S.A., 4.67%; JD.com Inc., Class A, ADR, 4.54%; New Oriental Education & Technology, ADR, 4.49%; Encana Corp., 4.28%; Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., ADR, 4.14%; Hollysys Automation Technologies Ltd., 3.92%; Schneider Electric SE, 3.59%.

As of August 31, 2017, the top ten holdings of Davis Global Fund were: Alphabet Inc., 5.47%; Wells Fargo & Co., 4.47%; Naspers Ltd.-N, 4.45%; Amazon.com, Inc., 3.88%; Hollysys Automation Technologies Ltd., 3.61%; Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., ADR, 3.47%; New Oriental Education & Technology, ADR, 3.42%; Didi Chuxing Joint Co., 3.09%; Safran S.A., 3.05%; Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class B, 3.02%.

As of August 31, 2017, the top ten holdings for Davis Financial Fund were: Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class A, 6.66%; American Express Co., 5.91%; Capital One Financial Corp., 5.56%; Market Corp., 5.48%; Bank of New York Mellon Corp., 4.83%; JPMorgan Chase & Co., 4.64%; Visa Inc., Class A, 4.40%; Wells Fargo & Co., 4.27%; Loews Corp., 3.99%; U.S. Bancorp, 3.94%.

As of August 31, 2017, the top ten holdings of Davis Opportunity Fund were: Alphabet Inc., 6.77%; Amazon.com, Inc., 4.99%; Apache Corp., 4.94%; Wells Fargo & Co., 4.83%; Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., 4.46%; Grab Inc., 3.81%; Didi Chuxing Joint Co., 3.80%; Delphi Automotive PLC, 3.76%; United Technologies Corp., 3.72%; Encana Corp., 3.57%.

Davis Funds has adopted a Portfolio Holdings Disclosure policy that governs the release of non-public portfolio holding information. This policy is described in the prospectus. Holding percentages are subject to change. Visit davisfunds.com or call 800-279-0279 for the most current public portfolio holdings information.

Broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries may charge Davis Advisors substantial fees for selling its funds and providing continuing support to clients and shareholders. For example, broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries may charge: sales commissions; distribution and service fees; and record-keeping fees. In addition, payments or reimbursements may be requested for: marketing support concerning Davis Advisors' products; placement on a list of offered products; access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives; and participation in

conferences or seminars, sales or training programs for invited registered representatives and other employees, client and investor events, and other dealer-sponsored events. Financial advisors should not consider Davis Advisors' payment(s) to a financial intermediary as a basis for recommending Davis Advisors.

Large Cap Core funds invest at least 75% of their equity assets in companies with market capitalizations (on a three year weighted basis) above Lipper's USDE large cap floor. Large Cap Core funds have more latitude in the companies in which they invest. These funds typically have average characteristics compared to the S&P 500 Index. **Financial Services** funds invest primarily in equity securities of domestic companies engaged in providing financial services, including but not limited to banks, finance companies, insurance companies, and securities/brokerage firms. Global Multi-Cap Growth funds invest in a variety of market capitalization ranges without concentrating 75% of their equity assets in any one market capitalization range over an extended period of time. **Global Multi-Cap Growth** funds typically have above-average characteristics compared to the MSCI World Index. International Multi-Cap Growth funds invest in a variety of market capitalization ranges without concentrating 75% of their equity assets in any one market capitalization range over an extended period of time. International Multi-Cap Growth funds typically have above-average characteristics compared to the MSCI EAFE Index. Multi-Cap Growth funds invest in a variety of market capitalization ranges without concentrating 75% of their equity assets in any one market capitalization range over an extended period of time. Multi-Cap Growth funds typically have an above-average price-to-earnings ratio, price-to-book ratio, and three-year sales-per-share growth value, compared to the S&P SuperComposite 1500 Index.

We gather our index data from a combination of reputable sources, including, but not limited to, Thomson Financial, Lipper and index websites. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 selected

common stocks, most of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Index is adjusted for dividends, weighted towards stocks with large market capitalizations and represents approximately two-thirds of the total market value of all domestic common stocks. The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets throughout the world. The Index includes reinvestment of dividends, net foreign withholding taxes. The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex US is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. The Index includes reinvestment of dividends, net of foreign withholding taxes. The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest companies incorporated in the United States and its territories and listed on the NYSE, AMEX, or NASDAQ. The companies are ranked by decreased total market capitalizations. Investments cannot be made directly in an index.

Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio is the weighted average of the price/earnings ratios of the stocks in a portfolio. The P/E ratio of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its trailing 12 months' earnings per share. Portfolio totals are computed using an inverse harmonic methodology.

After October 31, 2017, this material must be accompanied by a supplement containing performance data for the most recent quarter end.

Shares of the Davis Funds are not deposits or obligations of any bank, are not guaranteed by any bank, are not insured by the FDIC or any other agency, and involve investment risks, including possible loss of the principal amount invested.

