



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

# Science & Technology Fund

As of September 30, 2019



**Portfolio Manager:**

Ken Allen

**Managed Fund Since:**

2009

**Joined Firm:**

2000

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	PRSCX
CUSIP	77957M102
Inception Date of Fund	September 30, 1987
Benchmark	S&P 500 Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.79%
Fiscal Year End	December 31
12B-1 Fee	-

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Major U.S. stock indexes advanced in September, as some conciliatory trade-related gestures from U.S. and Chinese officials helped ease tensions. As measured by various Russell indexes, value stocks outperformed growth shares across all market capitalizations.

The trade dispute between the U.S. and China remained at center stage for much of the month. The S&P 500 Index recorded its best daily gain on September 5, after news broke that Chinese and U.S. negotiators were preparing to meet in Washington in early October. A series of conciliatory gestures from both sides further supported sentiment. Mixed signals on trade caused some volatility late in the month, but investors appeared to remain optimistic toward the prospect of resumed trade negotiations in October. Monetary policy expectations were also a major driver of market sentiment, as the Federal Reserve reduced short-term interest rates at its mid-month meeting, while other central banks around the world took measures to stimulate economic growth. The U.S. equity market seemed largely unaffected by the late-month opening of a House of Representatives impeachment inquiry regarding President Donald Trump's alleged pressuring of Ukraine's leader.

Within the S&P 500 Index, financials outperformed, helped by a rise in longer-term interest rates. Utilities and energy were also strong. The health care sector recorded a modest decline. The Lipper Science & Technology Funds Index posted a negative return and underperformed the broader equity market, as represented by the S&P 500 Index. Among the major science and technology subsectors, financial services and software posted negative returns and lagged, while hardware and semiconductors gained value.

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized			
					Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Science & Technology Fund	0.02%	2.28%	28.77%	10.10%	16.90%	15.82%	15.61%	11.83%
S&P 500 Index	1.87	1.70	20.55	4.25	13.39	10.84	13.24	9.01
Lipper Science & Technology Funds Index	-0.55	-0.89	24.83	2.85	18.00	14.99	14.95	11.34

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The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

**RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

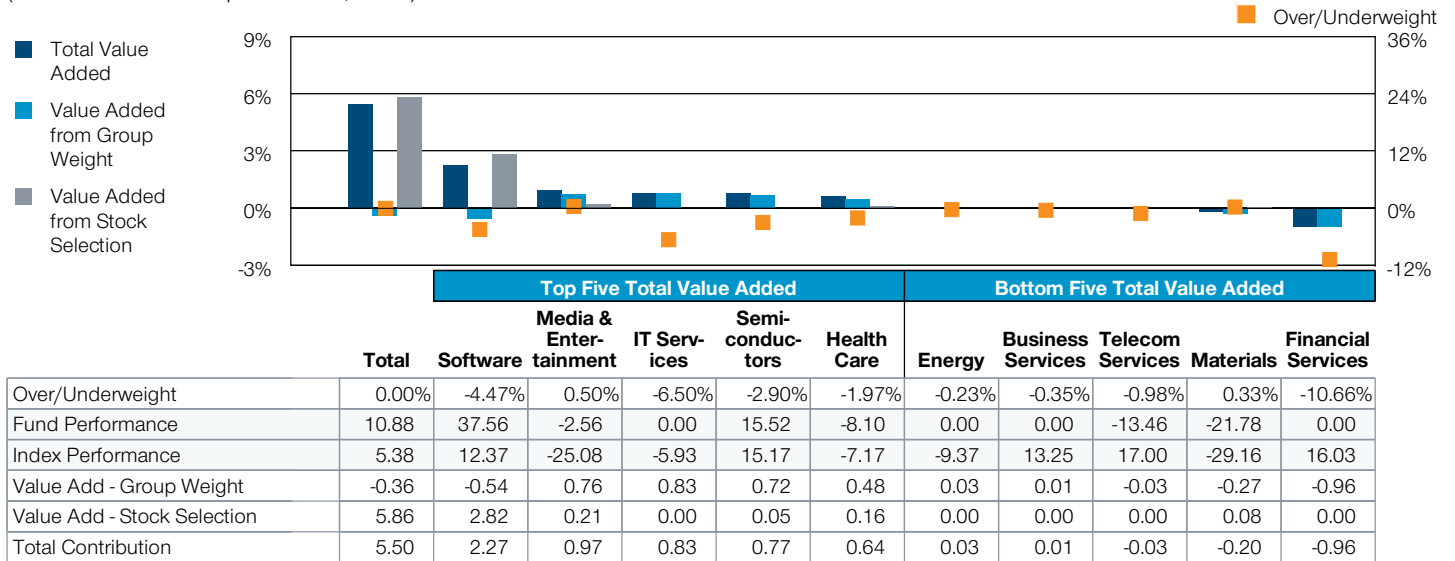
(Five Years ended September 30, 2019)

	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Science & Technology Fund	16.57%	2.72%	1.24	0.78	0.60	0.89	8.30%
S&P 500 Index	11.83	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.83	0.00
Science & Technology Fund	16.57	0.90	1.00	0.86	0.14	0.89	6.18
LPR Science & Technology Ix	15.38	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.90	0.00

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

**SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. LIPPER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUNDS INDEX (TOP AND BOTTOM 5 BY TOTAL VALUE ADDED)**

(12 months ended September 30, 2019)



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**TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Comprising 55.5% of total net assets.

	<b>Industry</b>	<b>% of Fund</b>
Alphabet	U.S. Internet Media/Advertising	9.8%
Facebook	U.S. Internet Media/Advertising	8.1
Samsung Electronics	Memory	6.0
Ctrip.com International	China Internet Services	5.1
Salesforce.com	Front-Office Applications Software	5.0
Booking Holdings	U.S. Internet Services	4.7
Microsoft	Infrastructure And Developer Tool Software	4.4
Alibaba Group Holding	China Internet Retail	4.4
Symantec	Security Software	4.1
NVIDIA	Processors	3.9

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	<b>Science &amp; Technology Fund</b>	<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	<b>LPR Science &amp; Technology Ix</b>
Number of Issuers	41	500	557
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$106,009	\$116,048	\$70,394
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)*° †	26.6X	19.2X	23.5X
Price to Book°	5.7X	5.0X	6.9X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° †	12.9%	9.4%	12.6%
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)°	20.6%	23.8%	26.4%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	78.5%	32.8%	44.7%
Total Assets (all share classes)	6,004,268,919	-	-
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	7.1%	-	-

°Investment Weighted Median.

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†Based on the fund's underlying holdings and is not a projection of future portfolio performance.

**SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Semi-cons</b>	<b>Software</b>	<b>Media &amp; Entertainment</b>	<b>Industri-als</b>	<b>Hard-ware</b>	<b>Health Care</b>	<b>Consum-er/Retail</b>	<b>Materi-als</b>	<b>Tele-com Services</b>	<b>Other</b>
Science & Technology Fund	47.7%	18.3%	16.3%	2.9%	2.4%	2.1%	1.9%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
LPR Science & Technology Ix	14.5	21.0	19.9	2.3	1.1	11.3	3.8	0.1	0.1	1.0	24.9
<b>Over/Underweight</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-24.9</b>

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