



Fund Snapshot as of September 30, 2016

FUND FACTS

Inception Date:	5/26/2004
Total Fund Assets:	\$30.5 million
Total Firm Assets:	\$ 4.4 billion
Symbol:	MERVX
CUSIP:	589512102

As of the end of September, the Fund returned 0.19% for the month, 1.62% YTD, and 4.76% annualized since inception.

PERFORMANCE

as of Month-End: September 30, 2016

	3-month	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	Since Inception [†]
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HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2016	-0.96%	0.29%	1.54%	-0.95%	1.34%	-0.38%	0.38%	0.19%	0.19%				1.62%
2015	-0.18%	1.66%	-0.09%	0.09%	0.45%	-1.17%	-0.18%	-1.10%	-1.30%	1.31%	-0.46%	0.11%	-0.90%
2014	-0.55%	1.10%	0.09%	0.45%	1.00%	0.81%	-0.53%	0.89%	-1.33%	-1.17%	0.45%	0.18%	1.37%
2013	-0.57%	0.19%	0.67%	0.28%	0.09%	-0.28%	1.04%	0.09%	0.84%	0.74%	0.09%	0.63%	3.88%
2012	-0.10%	0.96%	0.28%	0.38%	-1.51%	0.19%	0.29%	0.95%	-0.19%	-1.04%	1.05%	1.26%	2.52%
2011	0.91%	0.45%	1.61%	0.88%	0.00%	-0.35%	-1.66%	-2.85%	-1.19%	2.13%	0.82%	0.24%	0.88%
2010	0.56%	0.74%	0.74%	-0.27%	-1.93%	0.84%	1.30%	0.83%	1.18%	0.45%	0.18%	0.59%	5.29%
2009	0.71%	-0.50%	4.04%	1.26%	0.77%	0.57%	0.57%	1.13%	0.74%	0.09%	0.55%	1.34%	11.80%
2008	-2.61%	2.37%	-1.51%	4.40%	3.62%	-3.59%	2.55%	2.68%	-3.17%	-2.50%	0.10%	1.85%	3.80%
2007	1.30%	1.45%	0.42%	0.92%	1.99%	-0.24%	-1.55%	1.16%	0.25%	1.31%	-4.36%	-0.39%	2.11%
2006	2.37%	1.96%	1.31%	0.52%	1.29%	3.05%	0.58%	1.55%	0.81%	0.80%	0.08%	1.14%	16.56%
2005	0.00%	0.09%	0.94%	0.00%	1.31%	0.46%	1.38%	0.72%	0.27%	-3.67%	1.86%	1.19%	4.53%
2004						0.30%	-1.40%	1.52%	0.80%	0.79%	1.97%	2.32%	6.42%

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

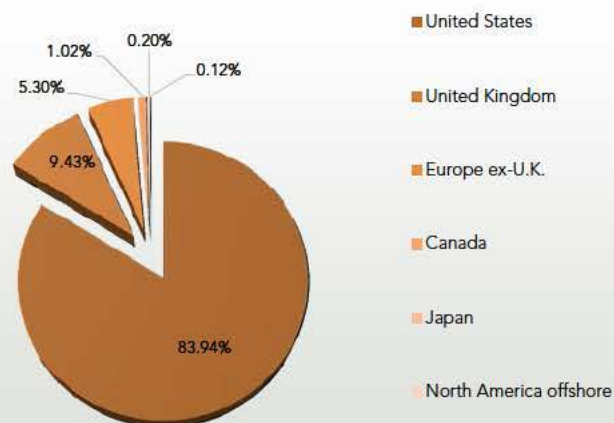
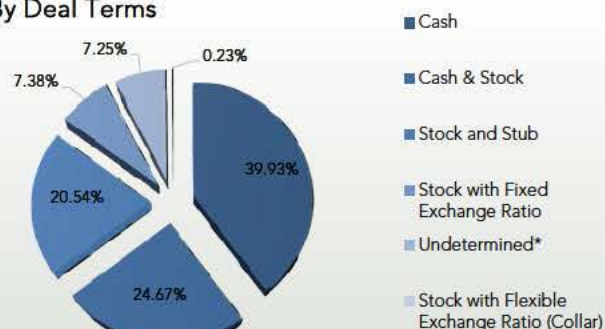
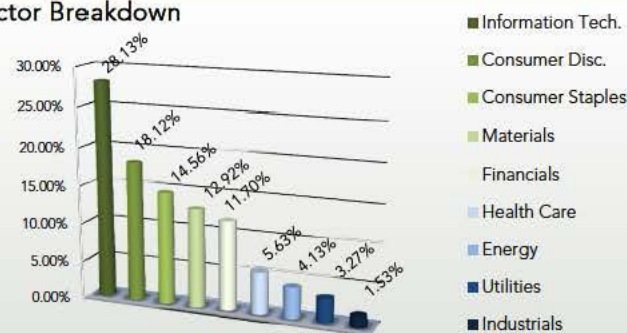
	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Beta	Correlation	Maximum Drawdown	Months to Recover
The Merger Fund VL	4.62%	1.03	0.19	0.33	-7.22%	4
BofA Merrill Lynch 3-month T-Bill	0.54%	2.45	0.00	0.01	-0.01%	1
Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	3.14%	1.48	0.00	0.00	-3.82%	2
S&P 500 Index	14.07%	0.60	1.00	1.00	-50.95%	37

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MONTHLY PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION
Position Summary

Top five positions as % of net assets:	24.26%
Average position size:	1.25%
Number of long positions ¹ :	55
Number of short positions ¹ :	19
% Invested:	68.64%
Short positions as a % of net assets:	17.91%

¹The Fund's net exposure (i.e., long positions less short positions) may not be an accurate indicator of the Fund's directional exposure. The Fund's short positions are often established as part of the Fund's exposure to a particular merger or other event-driven opportunity, rather than to effect a negative investment view of the Fund's investment adviser. Accordingly, the Fund may have a greater number of short positions if a greater percentage of the Fund's merger-arbitrage positions are comprised of stock-for-stock transactions (as opposed to, for example, cash transactions).

Regional Exposure

By Deal Terms

Sector Breakdown


*The compensation is undetermined because the compensation to be received (e.g., stock, cash, escrow notes, other) will be determined at later date, potentially at the option of the Fund's investment adviser.

Must be preceded or accompanied by a current prospectus or summary prospectus.

Before investing in The Merger Fund VL, carefully consider its investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. The Merger Fund VL is available through variable products offered by third-party insurance companies. For a prospectus containing information for any variable annuity or variable life product that invests in The Merger Fund VL, contact your financial advisor or the offering insurance company for a contract prospectus and prospectus for the underlying funds. Please read it carefully before investing.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Merger-arbitrage and event-driven investing involves the risk that the adviser's evaluation of the outcome of a proposed event, whether it be a merger, reorganization, regulatory issue or other event, will prove incorrect and that the Fund's return on the investment will be negative. Investments in foreign companies may entail political, cultural, regulatory, legal, and tax risks different from those associated with comparable transactions in the United States. The frequency of the Fund's transactions will vary from year to year, though merger arbitrage portfolios typically have higher turnover rates than portfolios of typical long-only funds. Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs. The higher costs associated with increased portfolio turnover may offset gains in the Fund's performance. The Fund may enter into short sale transactions for, among other reasons, purposes of protecting against a decline in the market value of the acquiring company's shares prior to the acquisition completion. If the price of a security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Fund covers its short position, the Fund will incur a loss. The amount of a potential loss on an uncovered short sale transaction is theoretically unlimited. Debt securities may fluctuate in value due to, among other things, changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, industry fundamentals, market sentiment and the financial condition of the issuer, including the issuer's credit rating or financial performance. Derivatives may create leverage which will amplify the effect of the performance of those instruments on the Fund and may produce significant losses. The Fund's hedging strategy will be subject to the Fund's investment adviser's ability to assess correctly the degree of correlation between the performance of the instruments used in the hedging strategy and the performance of the investments in the portfolio being hedged.

Definitions: The S&P 500 Index is a broad based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general; The Barclays Aggregate Bond Index is an intermediate term index comprised of investment grade bonds. Indices are unavailable for direct investment; The BofA Merrill Lynch US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. Standard Deviation is the degree by which returns deviate relative to the average return. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability of the investment; Sharpe Ratio measures reward vs. risk. 3-month T-Bill used for risk-free rate. A higher number is more favorable; Beta measures the volatility of the fund, as compared to that of the overall market. The market's beta is set at 1.00; a beta higher than 1.00 is considered to be more volatile than the market, while a beta lower than 1.00 is considered to be less volatile; Correlation is calculated using R-Squared. R-Squared is a statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. A high R-squared (between 85 and 100) indicates the fund's performance patterns have been in line with the index. A fund with a low R-squared (70 or less) doesn't act much like the index; Maximum Drawdown is measured from the time a retrenchment begins to when a new high is reached. Drawdowns help determine an investment's financial risk; Months to Recover measures the amount of time it took for an investment to recover from the referenced drawdown.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Fund seeks to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns in virtually all market environments while preserving investor capital and minimizing volatility based risk.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets principally in equity securities of companies which are involved in publicly announced mergers, takeovers, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, liquidations and other corporate reorganizations. The simplest form of merger-arbitrage activity involves purchasing the shares of an announced acquisition target at a discount to their expected value upon completion of the acquisition. The size of this discount, known as the arbitrage "spread," may represent the Fund's potential profit on such an investment.

FUND FACTS

Inception Date: 5/26/2004

Minimum Initial Investment: \$2,000

Total Fund Assets: \$30.5 million

Assets in the Strategy: \$3.7 billion

Portfolio Turnover Rate¹: 167%

Management Fee: 1.25%

Total Operating Expense¹: 2.60%

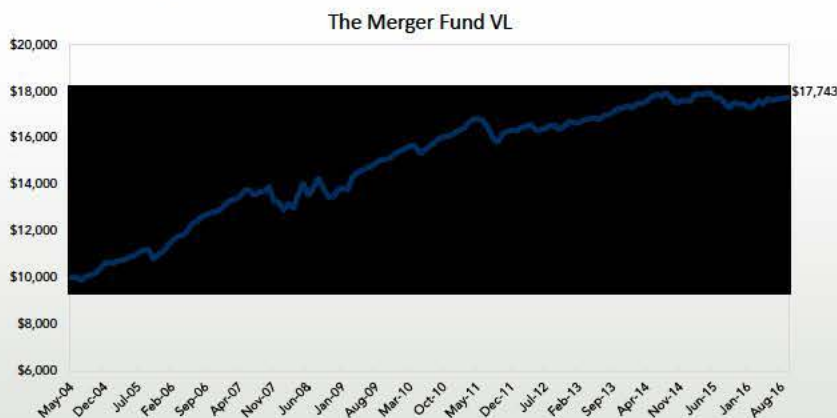
Net Expenses before investment related expenses²: 1.40%

¹ Per prospectus dated April 22, 2016.

² The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce all or a portion of its management fee and, if necessary, to bear certain other expenses (not including brokerage commissions, short dividends, interest expense, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses or extraordinary expenses) associated with operating the Fund to the extent necessary to limit the annualized expenses of the Fund to 1.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets. This expense limitation agreement is expected to apply until April 30, 2017, except that it may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees.

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For more than 20 years, Westchester Capital has strived to help investors reduce total portfolio risk while providing absolute, returns with low correlation regardless of market movements.

PERFORMANCE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
Cumulative Change in Value of a \$10,000 Investment


This chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the Fund at inception. It assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charge. This chart does not imply any future performance.

Average Annualized Total Returns and Risk Metrics

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S&P 500 Index	14.07%	0.60	1.00	1.00

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Third Quarter Fact Sheet As of September 30, 2016

PORTFOLIO

Top ten positions:	38.03%
Average position size:	1.25%
Number of long positions:	55
Number of short positions:	19
Percent invested:	68.64%

GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION as a % of longs

U.S.:	83.94%
United Kingdom:	9.43%
Europe ex-U.K.:	5.30%
Canada:	1.02%
Japan:	0.20%
North America Offshore:	0.12%

TOP TEN EQUITY HOLDINGS

SABMiller plc

Yahoo! Inc.

LinkedIn Corporation

KLA-Tencor Corp.

Ingram Micro Inc.

Jarden Corporation

St. Jude Medical, Inc.

Syngenta AG

General Motors Co.

Energy Future notes

Fund holdings and asset allocation are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.



FUND MANAGERS

ROY D. BEHREN | Began career in 1987
With Westchester Capital Management since 1994;
Portfolio Manager since 2007

Mr. Behren received a degree in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, a J.D. from the University of Miami Law School and an LL.M. in corporate law from New York University School of Law.

MICHAEL T. SHANNON | Began career in 1988
With Westchester Capital Management since 1996;
Portfolio Manager since 2007

Mr. Shannon received a degree in Finance from Boston College. He is a CFA charter holder and a member of the CFA Institute.

WHY INVEST WITH US?

The Merger Fund VL offers investors access to an alternative investment strategy in a *tax-advantaged, regulated and transparent vehicle with daily liquidity*.

- **Having invested in more than 4,500 corporate reorganizations over more than 30 years**, Westchester Capital Management is a recognized expert in event-driven investing.
- **The Merger Fund[®], launched in 1989**, was the first liquid alternative mutual fund devoted exclusively to merger arbitrage.
- **By focusing on limiting downside risk**, The Merger Fund VL has historically delivered attractive risk-adjusted rates of return with low volatility in virtually all market environments.

Diversification does not assure a profit, nor does it protect against a loss in a declining market.

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