

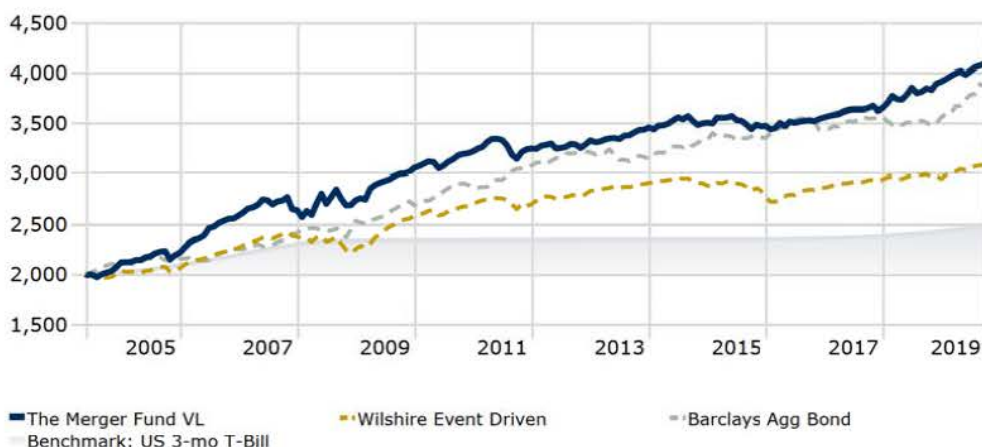
The Merger Fund VL

A Westchester Capital Fund

- Historically, minimal correlation with equities
- Historically, negative correlation with fixed income
- Positive correlation with interest rates

Investment Growth

Time Period: 5/25/2004 to 9/30/2019



Trailing Returns (as of month-end)

As of Date: 9/30/2019

	MTD	3 Mo	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yrs	5-Yrs	10-Yrs	Since Incept.
The Merger Fund VL	0.42%	1.72%	4.40%	6.20%	4.95%	2.97%	3.13%	4.80%
Wilshire Event Driven	0.20%	1.05%	4.76%	3.04%	2.82%	1.08%	2.03%	2.86%
Barc Agg Bond	-0.53%	2.27%	8.52%	10.30%	2.92%	3.38%	3.75%	4.36%
Benchmark: US 3-mo T-Bill	0.17%	0.56%	1.81%	2.39%	1.54%	0.98%	0.54%	1.39%
US Insurance Market Neutral	1.15%	0.39%	4.95%	4.50%	4.34%	2.48%	—	—

Performance Relative to Peer Group

As of Date: 9/30/2019



Fund Facts

Morningstar Category US Insurance Market Neutral

Investment Strategy Event Driven

Ticker MERVX

Inception Date 5/24/2004

Management Fee 1.25%

Fund Size \$ 43,764,291

The total annual operating expense ratio of the Fund was 2.67%. After applicable fee waiver and expense reimbursement (which will apply until April 30, 2020, unless it is terminated at an earlier time by the Board of Trustees), total annual operating expenses were 1.94% and before investment-related expenses, such as dividend and interest expense and acquired fund fees and expenses, total annual operating expenses were 1.40%. Expense ratios are as of the April 19, 2019 prospectus.

Trailing Returns (as of quarter-end)

As of Date: 9/30/2019

	MERVX
QTD	1.72%
1 Year	6.20%
3 Years	4.95%
5 Years	2.97%
10 Years	3.13%
Since Inception	4.80%

The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Returns greater than one year are annualized. The performance results portrayed herein reflect the reinvestment of all interest, dividends and distributions. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original costs. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data included herein for periods prior to 2011 reflects that of Westchester Capital Management, Inc., the Fund's prior investment advisor. Messrs. Behren and Shannon, the Fund's current portfolio managers, have served as co-portfolio managers of the Fund since 2007.

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Portfolio

Avg. position size: 0.82%
 Number of long positions: 95
 Number of short positions: 16
 Percent invested: 78%

TOP 10 Holdings

1. SunTrust Banks, Inc
2. Celgene Corporation
3. Oaktree Capital Group LLC
4. Versum Materials, Inc.
5. Allergan PLC
6. Altaba Inc.
7. Zayo Group Holdings, Inc.
8. Cypress Semiconductor Corporation
9. Kinetic Concept/KCI USA
10. Cobham PLC

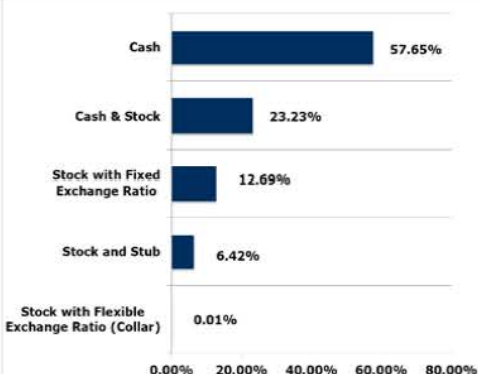
Fund holdings and asset allocation are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

3-Year Risk Metrics

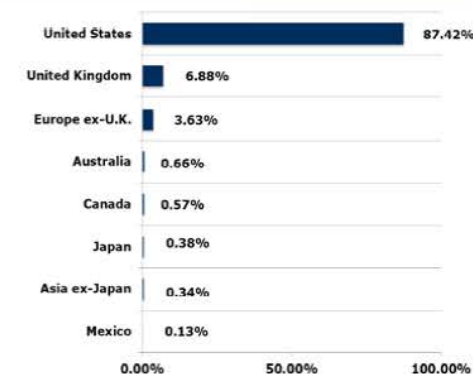
Time Period: 10/1/2016 to 9/30/2019

	The Merger Fund VL	Wilshire Event Driven	Barclays Agg Bond
Std Dev	2.61%	1.81%	3.35%
Sharpe Ratio	1.26	0.66	0.41
Sortino Ratio	2.14	0.95	0.65
Beta (vs S&P 500)	0.05	0.12	-0.04
Correlation (vs S&P 500)	4.90	66.92	2.38
Beta (vs Barclays Agg)	-0.09	-0.07	1.00
Correlation (vs Barclays Agg)	1.21	1.72	100.00

Deal Terms



Regional Exposure



Sector Exposure



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

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 Fund's prospectus contains this and other important information. The Merger Fund VL is available through variable products offered by third-party insurance companies. For a prospectus containing information for any variable life product that invests in The Merger Fund VL, contact your financial advisor or the offering insurance company for a contract 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 involve 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. It is shown with dividends reinvested. The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index is an intermediate-term index comprised of investment grade bonds. You cannot invest directly in the index; 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. The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Event Driven Index measures the performance of the event-driven strategy component of the Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index. Event-driven strategies predominantly invest in companies involved in corporate transactions such as mergers, restructuring, distressed, buy backs, or other capital structure changes. US Insurance Market Neutral is the Morningstar Category comprised of funds that attempt to eliminate the risks of the market by holding 50% of assets in long positions in stocks and 50% of assets in short positions. Standard Deviation is the degree by which returns vary 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 the risk-free rate. A higher number is more favorable; Sortino Ratio is a similar measure of risk-adjusted return but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return. Beta is a measure of the fund's 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; Correlation (R-Squared) represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index; a fund with a low R-squared (70 or less) doesn't act much like the index.



Q3 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

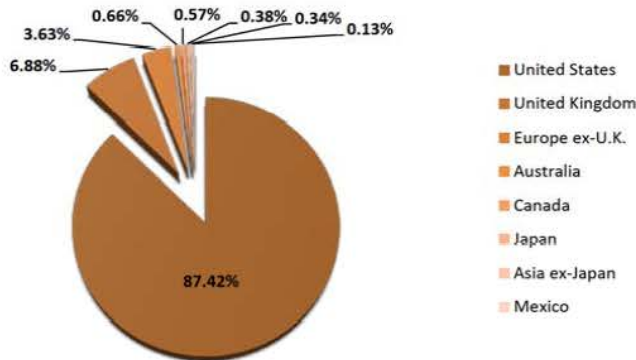
As of September 30, 2019:

QTD 2019: 1.72%
YTD 2019: 4.40%

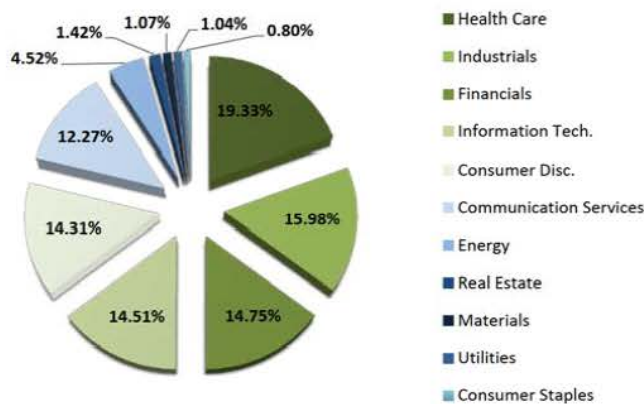
Total Fund Assets: \$43.8 million
Total Firm Assets: \$ 3.9 billion

PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT

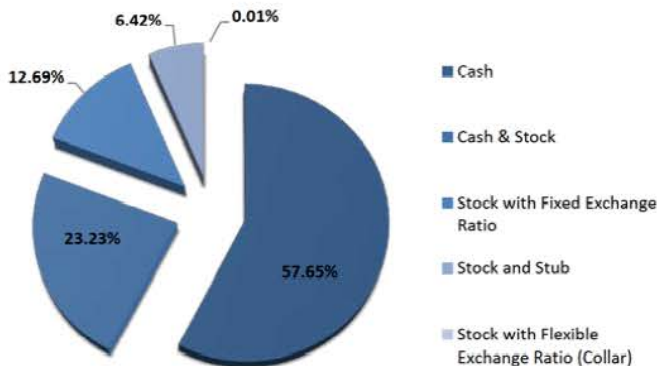
REGIONAL EXPOSURE



SECTOR EXPOSURE



DEAL TERMS



*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.

¹For period ending 12/31/18.

²The adviser has agreed to waive operating expenses, excluding brokerage commissions, short dividends, interest expense, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses or extraordinary expenses, in excess of 1.40% until April 30, 2020.

FUND FACTS

Portfolio Characteristics

Inception Date:	May 26, 2004
Expenses Before Investment Related Expenses: ^{1,2}	1.40%
Total Operating Expense: ¹	2.67%
Portfolio Turnover Rate: ¹	154%

PORTFOLIO

Equity Investments

Number of Long Positions:	95
Number of Short Positions:	16
Average Position Size:	0.82%
Quarter-end % Invested:	78%
Short Positions as a % of Net Assets:	17%

Ten Largest Positions as a Percent of Net Assets

SunTrust Banks, Inc.	36.19%
Celgene Corporation	
Oaktree Capital Group LLC	
Versum Materials, Inc.	
Allergan PLC	
Altaba Inc.	
Zayo Group Holdings, Inc.	
Cypress Semiconductor Corporation	
Kinetic Concept/KCI USA	
Cobham PLC	

Type of Buyer

Strategic	91.72%
Financial	8.28%

By Deal Type

Friendly	100.00%
Hostile	0.00%

Average Annualized Total Returns as of 9/30/2019

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NOTABLE WINNERS
NOTABLE LOSERS

Deal	Attribution	Deal	Attribution
Anadarko Petroleum/Occidental Petroleum	0.30%	Sprint Corporation/T-Mobile US, Inc.	-0.12%
Altaba Inc./Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	0.27%	Fox Corporation	-0.05%
Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc.	0.14%		
Osram Licht AG	0.14%		
First Data Corporation/Fiserv, Inc.	0.14%		
Zayo Group Holdings, Inc.	0.09%		

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY
Cumulative Change in Value of a \$2,000 Investment Since Inception


This chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$2,000 investment made in the Fund since inception. It assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charge or redemption fees. This chart does not imply any future performance.

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