



# EIC VALUE FUND

## Semi-Annual Investment Adviser's Report October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

### Dear Fellow Shareholder,

Thank you for reviewing our semi-annual report. In it, we discuss our perspective on the market, the EIC Value Fund's (the "Fund") performance, and some of the recent purchase and sale activity in the Fund. A listing of the Fund's investments and other financial information follow our comments.

### Perspective on the Market

Rebounding from a weak 2018, the S&P 500 has been off to its best ten-month start to the year since 2013, despite 2019 earnings estimates that continue to come down. Full-year earnings-per-share growth is now anticipated to be roughly 1%, a deceleration from the estimated 2% full-year growth expected at the end of last quarter, almost 7% growth expected at the start of the year, and nearly 10% growth expected one year ago.<sup>1</sup> Back out share buybacks, which in recent years have ranged between 2% and 3% per year of total shares outstanding<sup>2</sup>, and earnings dollars will likely decline for the full year. Only three sectors (communication services, financials, and health care) are anticipated to register high single-digit earnings growth for the year, while four sectors (energy, information technology, materials, and utilities) are expecting earnings declines.<sup>3</sup> To say the least, the economic picture is a mixed bag, with the industrial sector seemingly in recession and the yield curve inverted, while employment and consumer spending have remained strong.

Valuations have been high, with the S&P 500 trading at roughly 22x trailing GAAP earnings<sup>4</sup> and 18x anticipated 2019 pro forma<sup>5</sup>. Though we have seen some weakness in guidance this year, margins have remained elevated by historical standards. This suggests that valuations may be even richer than the headline numbers if margins were to revert to historical averages. Digging deeper, the valuation dynamics are more nuanced with increasing separation among themes or factors. As seen in the chart on the following page, currently out-of-favor factors such as value, small-cap, high beta, and low momentum appear to be unusually inexpensive relative to their in-favor counterparts, a setup which presents forward-looking investors with opportunity.

The chart shows where several factors are currently trading (blue dot) compared to their counterparts (e.g., value versus growth) and where they typically have traded over the past twenty years (shaded area). The first five factors highlighted in the chart are trading quite cheaply relative to their history, in some cases extraordinarily so. Of particular note is the high volatility factor (as measured by historical beta), which is trading among its lowest valuations ever

<sup>1</sup> Data Source: S&P Capital IQ. Quarterly year-over-year forecast of calendar year 2019 earnings per share growth for S&P 500 based on consensus earnings estimates. Data as of October 7, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices. Quarterly buyback yield 2015-2018. 7 Oct. 2019. <https://us.spindices.com/indices/equity/sp-500/sp-500-buyback.xlsx>.

<sup>3</sup> Data Source: S&P Capital IQ. Year-over-year forecast of calendar year 2019 earnings per share growth for S&P 500 Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS<sup>®</sup>) sectors based on consensus earnings estimates. Data as of October 7, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> Data Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices. Actual as reported Generally Accepted Accounting Principal (GAAP) earnings for trailing four quarters as of June 30, 2019. 8 Oct. 2019. <https://us.spindices.com/indices/equity/sp-500/sp-500-eps.est.xlsx>.

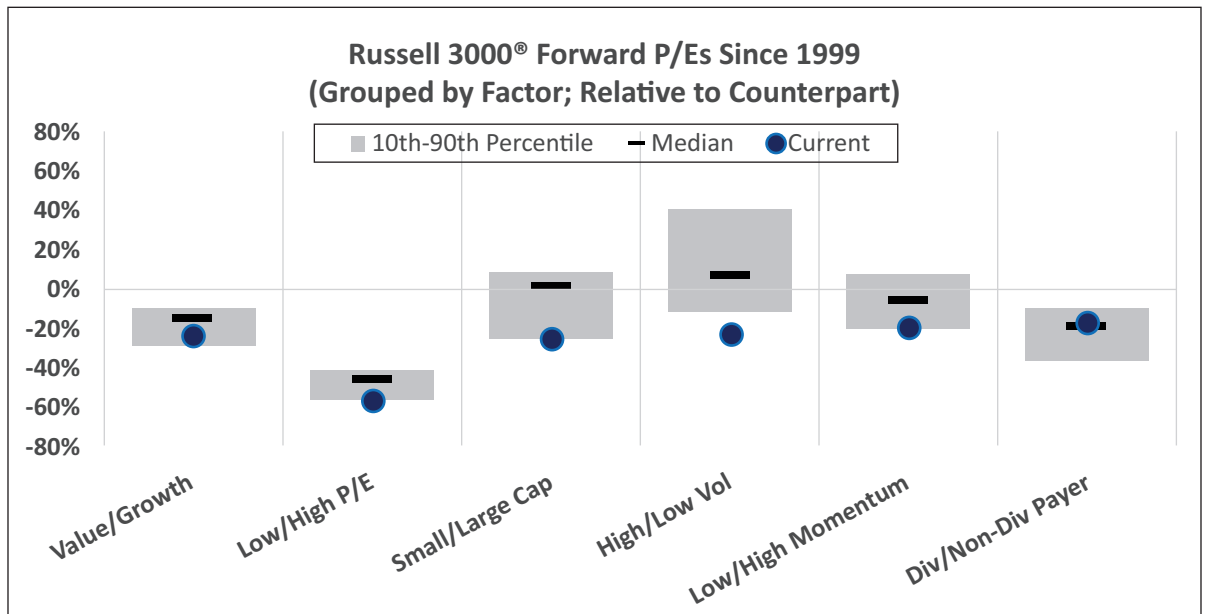
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compared to its low volatility counterpart. (For further context, in the far right column of the chart, we have added dividend payers, a subset of the low volatility theme, to show their relative historical richness.) The relative attractiveness of higher volatility areas is a theme we have explored in past letters and is an area where we are finding opportunity. We believe that historical beta only tells us so much about risk, and if investors overpay for low-beta exposure, they may find themselves with the opposite result of what they intended.



Data Source: S&P Capital IQ; Russell 3000 constituents. Median average forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratios over each quarter from January 1999–October 2019 grouped by six factors. See note 6 for factor definitions. **Indices are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

<sup>6</sup> Value/Growth: Russell 3000® Value Index vs. Russell 3000® Growth Index; Low/High P/E: 50% of Russell 3000® stocks with lowest P/E vs. 50% with highest P/E; Small/Large Cap: 80% of Russell 3000® stocks with smallest market capitalization vs. 20% with largest market capitalization; High/Low Vol: 50% of the Russell 3000® stocks with highest 5-year monthly beta vs. 50% with lowest 5-year monthly beta; Low/High Momentum: 50% of the Russell 3000® stocks with worst trailing quarterly returns vs. 50% with best trailing quarterly returns; Div/Non-Div Payer: Russell 3000® stocks that pay a dividend vs. those that do not.

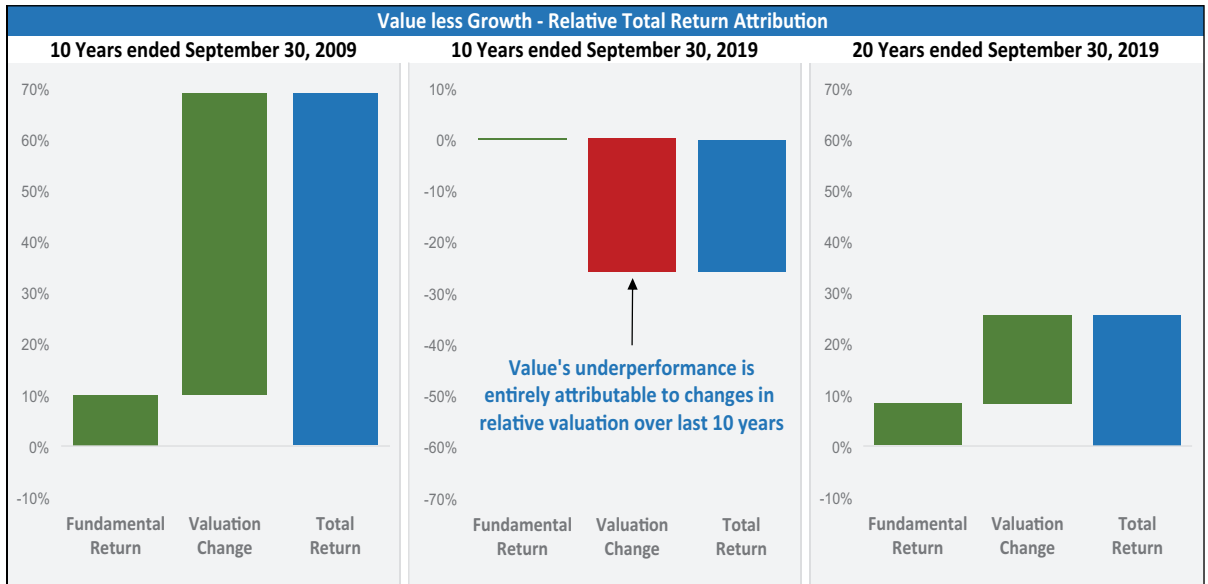


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Regarding small-caps, they have been trading as cheaply as they have relative to large-caps since the bursting of the dot-com bubble in 2001-2002. Though our portfolios continue to be biased toward large-cap stocks, we now find ourselves spending more time researching small-cap and mid-cap opportunities. However, small-cap stocks are not as cheap as they nominally look. Many small-cap companies have suffered significant capital-structure degradation, and leverage trends in aggregate are worse, so we’re treading carefully.

It’s no secret that growth has trounced value over most of the last decade, leading some to believe that growth is a permanently better investing factor. A closer look at the attribution, however, is telling.



Data Source: S&P Capital IQ. Cumulative Russell 3000 Value Index returns relative to cumulative Russell 3000 Growth Index returns. See note 7 for definitions. **Indices are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

<sup>7</sup> Total Return: Relative total return of the Russell 3000® Value Index vs. the Russell 3000® Growth Index for each period; Valuation Change: Relative valuation of the Russell 3000® Value Index P/E vs. the Russell 3000® Growth Index P/E at the end of each period divided by their relative valuation at the beginning of each period; Fundamental Return: Relative Total Return of Russell 3000® Value Index vs. Russell 3000® Growth Index minus relative Valuation Change.



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The diagram on the previous page shows relative performance of value versus growth over the last 20 years, broken up into two 10-year periods (September 1999 to September 2009 and September 2009 to September 2019), along with the full 20-year period.

A few highlights:

- Over the first 10-year period, value outperformed growth. Most of this outperformance was attributable to valuation change (i.e., multiple expansion), though the fundamental return (earnings growth + dividends) also contributed.
- Over the last 10 years (middle chart), all of the relative outperformance of growth versus value has come from valuation change.
- Over the full 20 years, the fundamental return of value stocks has actually outperformed growth stocks.
- Value stocks maintain a 20-year performance edge versus growth of roughly 1% per year, despite the financial crisis and several energy crashes which disproportionately affected value.

Value stocks recently traded at their cheapest levels relative to growth in 25 years, with the exception of the 1999-2000 tech-stock bubble, which distorts the historical data.<sup>8</sup> As we have often said, **starting valuation matters a great deal in determining forward investment returns.**

We have talked at length in the past about how unusual the past 10 years have been, with low interest rates pushing investors out on the risk spectrum and causing all manner of distortions, from bonds with negative yields to pockets of growth-stock valuations reminiscent of the late '90s. As we enter the final stretch of this decade, we wanted to share the chart on the next page with you. It shows, using data from Robert Shiller going back to the 1880s<sup>9</sup>, the percentage of positive monthly returns of the S&P 500 (and predecessors) on a rolling 10-year basis (left axis, blue line), along with the subsequent 10-year returns from that point forward (right axis, gray area).

Two points stand out:

- The last 10 years have been among the highest in history in terms of instances of positive monthly index returns. In fact, almost 70% of the S&P 500's monthly returns have been positive.
- There appears to be a strong **negative** correlation between frequency of trailing monthly positive returns and actual subsequent returns. When the overall market persistently increases, that tends to reinforce risk taking, pushing conditions to excess, which then are worked off in the form of lower forward returns. And then the cycle repeats.

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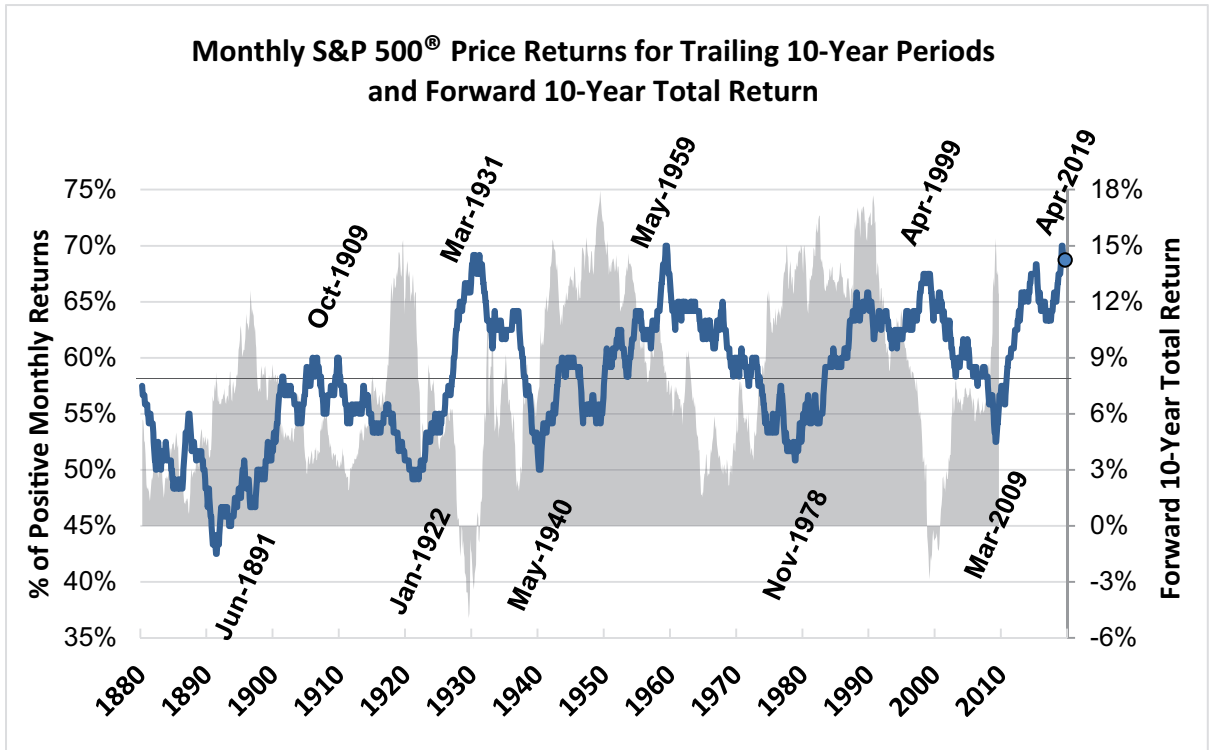
<sup>8</sup> Data Source: Yardeni, Edward & Abbott, Joe. *Investment Style Guide* (7 October 2019), Figure 31. 3 October 2019. <https://www.yardeni.com/pub/style.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Data Source: Shiller, Robert J. *Irrational Exuberance*. Princeton University Press: 2000, 2nd ed.: 2005, 3rd ed.: 2015, updated. 3 October 2019. [http://www.econ.yale.edu/~shiller/data/ie\\_data.xls](http://www.econ.yale.edu/~shiller/data/ie_data.xls).



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*Data Source: Online Data Robert Shiller. Month over month price returns for the S&P 500 index for rolling 10-year periods from February 1871–September 2019. Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of S&P 500 price return plus annualized dividends from April 1880–September 2019 for rolling forward 10-year periods. Indices are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. Past performance does not guarantee future results.*

In the first quarter of 1999, near the tail end of another growth-led bull market, we wrote the following to reinforce the perils of outcome-chasing versus process-driven investment management:



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*In his book "Into Thin Air", Jon Krakauer relates the tale of two guides leading relatively low-skilled climbers up Mount Everest.... Each guide faced a dilemma: patrons paying high fees expected to "get to the top", but the capriciousness of high-altitude conditions sometimes means turning back for safety before reaching the summit.... Unfortunately, the competing guides led novices to ever higher heights, and ultimately did reach the summit. But they did so by ignoring their own preset decision rules on latest safe turnaround times, as well as other grave risks. Too late to get down safely, they perished, along with a number of their clients, as an unnoticed storm came from below to engulf the expedition.<sup>10</sup>*

In this case, the stakes are not nearly as high as those faced on Everest, but a significant drawdown or an extended period of muted returns would represent a major setback for most investors. How the market and its constituents perform tomorrow, next quarter or even next year is anyone's guess. But we are optimistic about our current opportunity set. The market has offered up relatively extreme valuation disparities. Our focus on attractively priced, out-of-favor stocks may bode well for future returns, especially compared to the overall market and to currently in-favor themes and factors.

#### Fund Performance

The EIC Value Fund's (Fund) Institutional Class shares (EICIX) gained 1.43% for the six months ended October 31, 2019. The Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Value Index rose 2.82%, while the more growth-oriented S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index increased 4.16%.

Performance attribution for the six-month period follows. Fund results are compared to the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Value Index.

The Fund's shortfall relative to its benchmark was primarily attributable to stock selection.

More specifically, our stock selection in the information technology sector hurt Fund performance. The Fund's two holdings in this sector, Alliance Data Systems and Qualcomm, declined 36.9% and 22.4%, respectively. In contrast, the index's technology stocks rose 1.9%.

Other poorly performing Fund holdings included Cimarex Energy Co., down 28.5%, Schlumberger Limited, down 21.1%, Franklin Resources, down 19.0%, Molson Coors Brewing Company, down 16.3%, and Exxon Mobil, down 13.8%.

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<sup>10</sup> Krakauer, Jon, *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster*. Barnes & Noble: 1997.

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*Securities in the Fund do not match those in the indices and performance of the Fund will differ. Indices are unmanaged, do not incur management fees, cost and expenses, and cannot be invested in directly.*



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On the other hand, our security selection in the health care sector helped Fund performance. Fund holdings advanced a collective 11.7%, surpassing the index's health care stocks, which rose 4.9%. Medtronic, up 23.9%, AmerisourceBergen Corp., up 15.3%, GlaxoSmithKline, up 14.0%, and McKesson Corp., up 12.2%, were the Fund's standout performers in this sector.

Other Fund holdings of note included Target, up 40.4%, Globe Life, up 14.0%, and Booking Holdings and United Parcel Services, both up 10.4%.

In addition to stock selection, the Fund's cash position (including short-term investments), which averaged 12.1% over the six-month period, also adversely affected performance. We do not allocate to cash tactically. Rather, the Fund's cash position is a residual of the stock-selection process and, as such, is primarily a function of the availability of undervalued stocks. We prefer to keep cash levels low, in the single digits if possible, but they can build up when attractive investment opportunities are hard to find.

Similarly, we don't target sector weightings, either in an absolute sense or relative to market indices; they too are principally a residual of stock selection. Nevertheless, it is at times instructive to see how sector allocations affected returns. On balance, they helped Fund performance over the trailing six months.

Nine of the eleven sectors in the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Value Index posted positive returns for the six months ended October 31, 2019. Interest-sensitive sectors were the top performers – real estate rose 11.1% and utilities increased 9.5%. Communication services and consumer staples also performed well, gaining 6.8% and 6.2%, respectively. Relative to the index, the Fund had no exposure to real estate and was underweight in utilities and communication services. Conversely, the Fund was overweight in consumer staples.

In contrast, energy and materials were the two worst performing sectors, declining 12.6% and 2.1%, respectively. Consumer discretionary, which rose 1.6%, and information technology, which climbed 1.9%, were also relatively weak. The Fund maintained a market-like allocation to energy and was overweight in consumer discretionary. Helpfully, the Fund had less exposure to materials and especially information technology.

#### Portfolio Activity

Here's a recap of some of the Fund's recent purchase and sale activity.

The most significant changes to the Fund during the six-month period were in the energy sector, where we sold Diamond Offshore Drilling, trimmed Exxon Mobil, and bought new positions in Total S.A. and Cimarex Energy. Net of these trades, the Fund maintained similar levels of energy-sector exposure, roughly in-line with the value index. We sold Diamond on continued fundamental weakness in deep-water offshore drilling. While there are early signs of a rebound, the pace and magnitude of improvement were not sufficient for us in light of upcoming debt maturities. We trimmed Exxon Mobil on relative valuation within the sector – we think other opportunities like Total and Cimarex look more attractively priced.

French-based Total (TOT) is among the world's largest integrated oil companies, with operations in more than 130 countries. Its exploration and production business is primarily focused in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East – with little exposure to the Americas and no exposure to unconventional US shale production. The company's refinery and petrochemical operations are the second largest in Europe, and its downstream/marketing business is the second



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largest global distributor outside of North America. Total is a disciplined, conservative capital allocator – a trait it shares with Exxon – with ample dividend coverage and the balance sheet strength to make opportunistic acquisitions such as its recent agreement to acquire Anadarko's African assets (made available due to Occidental buying Anadarko). Total trades at a compelling valuation relative to other supermajors, and a larger than normal discount to Exxon, precipitating our trade.

Cimarex (XEC), in contrast with Total's global footprint, operates entirely within two of the largest shale plays in the United States, the Permian basin (Texas/New Mexico) and the Anadarko basin in Oklahoma. The company has among the lowest production and drilling costs of independent exploration and production companies, and a track record of cost-effective production growth. Cimarex recently acquired Resolute Energy, whose assets overlap the company's Permian acreage, creating opportunities for cost savings and productivity improvement. Cimarex has historically demonstrated strong financial discipline relative to peers and maintains an investment grade balance sheet and a conservative cash flow posture. Like Total, Cimarex trades at an unusually low valuation relative to its history.

In addition to the energy sector trades, we sold the Fund's position in Qualcomm. Qualcomm had a newsworthy spring, rising substantially on the settlement of its legal dispute with Apple, then giving back some of that gain when it lost a Federal Trade Commission lawsuit over its pricing practices. The FTC loss brings new earnings uncertainty, thus our sale of the position.

In June, we trimmed PNC Financial Services on price strength, using some of the proceeds to add to Wells Fargo on price weakness. Also during the summer, we trimmed the Fund's positions in Target, eBay, and Medtronic, which had performed well.

In September, we purchased new positions in Sanofi S.A. and AGNC Investment Corp.

Sanofi (SNY) is the sixth largest pharmaceutical company in the world. Compared to peers, Sanofi's portfolio tilts away from many of the headline industry risks prevalent today – it has negligible exposure to opioids, it is underweight the U.S. (drug-price regulation risk), and its largest drug accounts for a modest 9% of revenue. In addition, stiff headwinds from generic competition in legacy drugs are now abating, allowing the company to produce its best organic revenue growth rate in more than a decade. In short, risk is lower, growth is improving, and the valuation is reasonable – a recipe shared with many of our past successful investments.

AGNC Investment Corp. (AGNC) is the second largest mortgage REIT in the world. The company is fundamentally a "borrow short, lend long" investment vehicle – it borrows short term in the repo market to invest long term in agency residential mortgage-backed securities. Given the flattening yield curve, AGNC has endured compressing net interest margins for nearly a decade. With the yield curve now inverted, most of that compression should be behind it. We believe AGNC's high dividend yield and below-book-value price support its valuation and offer opportunity for good prospective returns. Furthermore, compared to peers, we like the company's focus (almost exclusively investing in government-guaranteed, agency-backed securities) and corporate governance (internally- rather than externally-managed).

As we approach year end, we continue to be concerned about corporate leverage and the ability of companies to maintain historically high margins, given the expectations of slower growth ahead. Moreover, we think market volatility





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will likely persist next year, as investors digest the many forces impacting the economy, interest rates, and corporate profits (not to mention the impeachment wildcard and the 2020 presidential election). In such an environment, our investment objective remains the same: constructing a portfolio of stocks that offers reasonable odds of investment success across a range of potential market outcomes.

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*This letter is intended to assist shareholders in understanding how the Fund performed during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2019 and reflects the views of the investment adviser at the time of this writing. Of course, these views may change and do not guarantee the future performance of the Fund or the markets.*

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## Semi-Annual Report Performance Data October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended October 31, 2019					
	<u>Six Months†</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>Since Inception*</u>
<b>Class A (with sales charge)</b>	-4.26%	1.45%	6.40%	4.52%	7.28%
<b>Class A (without sales charge)</b>	1.36%	7.34%	8.42%	5.70%	8.00%
<b>Russell 3000® Value Index</b>	2.82%	10.65%	10.40%	7.52%	10.27%**
<b>S&amp;P 500® Index</b>	4.16%	14.33%	14.91%	10.78%	12.46%**
<b>Class C (with CDSC charge)</b>	-0.05%	5.55%	7.62%	4.91%	7.53%
<b>Class C (without CDSC charge)</b>	0.95%	6.52%	7.62%	4.91%	7.53%
<b>Russell 3000® Value Index</b>	2.82%	10.65%	10.40%	7.52%	11.01%**
<b>S&amp;P 500® Index</b>	4.16%	14.33%	14.91%	10.78%	13.07%**
<b>Institutional Class</b>	1.43%	7.58%	8.69%	5.96%	8.22%
<b>Russell 3000® Value Index</b>	2.82%	10.65%	10.40%	7.52%	10.01%**
<b>S&amp;P 500® Index</b>	4.16%	14.33%	14.91%	10.78%	12.20%**

† Not Annualized.

\* Class A, Class C and Institutional Class shares of the EIC Value Fund (the "Fund") commenced operations on May 19, 2011, July 18, 2011 and May 1, 2011, respectively.

\*\* Benchmark performance is from commencement date of the class only and is not the commencement date of the benchmark itself.

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*The returns shown for Class A shares reflect a deduction for the maximum front-end sales charge of 5.50%. The returns shown for Class C shares reflect a maximum deferred sales charge of 1.00%. All of the Fund's share classes apply a 2.00% fee to the value of shares redeemed within 30 days of purchase. This redemption fee is not reflected in the returns shown above. As stated in the current prospectus dated September 1, 2019, the Fund's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" are 1.30%, 2.05% and 1.05%, and the Fund's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement" are 1.21%, 1.96% and 0.96% for Class A shares, Class C shares and Institutional Class Shares, respectively, of the Fund Class' average daily net assets. The ratios may differ from the actual expenses incurred by the Fund for the period covered by this report. Equity Investment Corporation (the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive or otherwise reduce its annual compensation received from the Fund to the extent necessary to ensure that the Fund's "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses", excluding taxes, fees and expenses attributable to a distribution or service plan adopted by the FundVantage Trust (the "Trust"), "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses," interest, extraordinary items and brokerage commissions, do not exceed 0.90% of average daily net assets of the Fund (the "Expense Limitation"). The Expense Limitation will remain in place until August 31, 2020, unless the Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees") of the Trust approves its earlier termination. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, the Adviser may recoup any expenses or fees it has reimbursed within a three-year period from the date on which the Adviser reduced its compensation and/or assumed expenses of the*

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*Fund. The Adviser is permitted to seek reimbursement from the Fund, subject to certain limitations, for fees it waived and Fund expenses it paid to the extent the total annual fund operating expenses do not exceed the limits described above or any lesser limits in effect at the time of reimbursement. No recoupment will occur unless the Fund's expenses are below the Expense Limitation amount. Total returns would be lower had such fees and expenses not been waived and/or reimbursed.*

*Mutual fund investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. Value investing involves the risk that the Fund's investing in companies believed to be undervalued will not appreciate as anticipated. The Fund may invest in the stocks of smaller- and medium-sized companies which may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies.*

*The Fund intends to evaluate performance as compared to that of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index and the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Value Index. The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of 500 common stocks which are generally representative of the U.S. stock market as a whole. The Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Value Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. stocks, representing about 98% of the total capitalization of the entire U.S. stock market. It is impossible to invest directly in an index.*

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## **Fund Expense Disclosure October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)**

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments (if any) or redemption fees; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and/or service (Rule 12b-1) fees (if any) and other Fund expenses. These examples are intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

These examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the six-month period from May 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 and held for the entire period.

### **Actual Expenses**

The first line of each accompanying table provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

### **Hypothetical Examples for Comparison Purposes**

The second line of each accompanying table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not your Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare these 5% hypothetical examples with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the accompanying tables are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads) on purchase payments (if any) or redemption fees. Therefore, the second line of each accompanying table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

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	EIC Value Fund		
	Beginning Account Value May 1, 2019	Ending Account Value October 31, 2019	Expenses Paid During Period*
Class A			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,013.60	\$5.82
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	1,000.00	1,019.36	5.84
Class C			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,009.50	\$9.60
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	1,000.00	1,015.58	9.63
Institutional Class			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,014.30	\$4.56
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	1,000.00	1,020.61	4.57

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio for the six-month period ended October 31, 2019 of 1.15%, 1.90%, and 0.90% for Class A, Class C, and Institutional Class shares, respectively, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent period (184), then divided by 366 to reflect the period. The Fund's ending account values on the first line in each table are based on the actual six-month total returns for the Fund of 1.36%, 0.95%, and 1.43% for Class A, Class C, and Institutional Class shares, respectively.

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## Portfolio Holdings Summary Table October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

The following table presents a summary by sector of the portfolio holdings of the Fund:

	<u>% of Net Assets</u>	<u>Value</u>
<b>COMMON STOCKS:</b>		
Financial .....	24.4%	\$ 49,348,191
Consumer, Non-cyclical .....	21.7	43,920,460
Communications .....	11.1	22,420,044
Consumer, Cyclical .....	10.1	20,348,401
Energy .....	8.8	17,753,266
Utilities .....	4.4	8,914,050
Industrial .....	3.6	7,270,106
Basic Materials .....	2.5	5,023,568
Information Technology .....	1.6	3,260,000
<b>Short-Term Investments</b> .....	11.5	23,280,272
<b>Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities</b> .....	0.3	593,289
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$202,131,647</u>

Portfolio holdings are subject to change at any time.

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Portfolio of Investments October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

	Number of Shares	Value		Number of Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS — 88.2%</b>			<b>COMMON STOCKS — (Continued)</b>		
<b>Basic Materials — 2.5%</b>			<b>Energy — (Continued)</b>		
PPG Industries, Inc. . . . .	40,150	\$ 5,023,568	Exxon Mobil Corp. . . . .	41,575	\$ 2,809,223
<b>Communications — 11.1%</b>			Schlumberger Ltd. . . . .	75,460	2,466,787
Discovery, Inc., Class C* . .	160,000	4,038,400	TOTAL SA, SP ADR. . . . .	77,475	<u>4,077,509</u>
ebay, Inc. . . . .	183,870	6,481,418			<u>17,753,266</u>
Facebook, Inc., Class A* . .	27,315	5,234,920	<b>Financial — 24.4%</b>		
Verizon Communications, Inc. . . . .	110,225	<u>6,665,306</u>	AGNC Investment Corp. REIT . . . . .	263,050	4,485,002
		<u>22,420,044</u>	American Express Co. . . . .	51,800	6,075,104
<b>Consumer, Cyclical — 10.1%</b>			Franklin Resources, Inc. . . .	52,400	1,443,620
Booking Holdings, Inc.* . . .	2,128	4,359,783	Globe Life, Inc. . . . .	34,947	3,401,391
Honda Motor Co. Ltd., SP ADR. . . . .	95,000	2,562,150	Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (The) . . . . .	85,325	4,870,351
Lowe's Cos, Inc. . . . .	36,500	4,073,765	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (The) . . . . .	25,720	3,773,124
Mohawk Industries, Inc.* . .	31,050	4,451,949	SunTrust Banks, Inc. . . . .	87,655	5,990,343
Target Corp. . . . .	45,840	<u>4,900,754</u>	Travelers Cos, Inc. (The) . .	39,505	5,177,525
		<u>20,348,401</u>	US Bancorp. . . . .	125,690	7,166,844
<b>Consumer, Non-cyclical — 21.7%</b>			Wells Fargo & Co. . . . .	134,900	<u>6,964,887</u>
AmerisourceBergen Corp. . .	60,775	5,188,970			<u>49,348,191</u>
GlaxoSmithKline PLC, SP ADR. . . . .	180,655	8,273,999	<b>Industrial — 3.6%</b>		
Johnson & Johnson . . . . .	44,065	5,818,343	United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B . . . . .	63,125	<u>7,270,106</u>
Kroger Co. (The) . . . . .	163,050	4,017,552	<b>Informational Technology — 1.6%</b>		
McKesson Corp. . . . .	24,575	3,268,475	Alliance Data Systems Corp. . . . .	32,600	<u>3,260,000</u>
Medtronic PLC. . . . .	37,610	4,095,729	<b>Utilities — 4.4%</b>		
Molson Coors Brewing Co., Class B . . . . .	75,875	4,000,130	Exelon Corp. . . . .	105,110	4,781,454
PepsiCo, Inc. . . . .	35,725	4,900,398	National Grid PLC, SP ADR. . . . .	70,800	<u>4,132,596</u>
Sanofi SA, SP ADR . . . . .	94,550	<u>4,356,864</u>			<u>8,914,050</u>
		<u>43,920,460</u>	<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>		
<b>Energy — 8.8%</b>			<b>(Cost \$138,378,150) . . . . .</b>		
Cimarex Energy Co. . . . .	109,850	4,637,867			<u>178,258,086</u>
ConocoPhillips. . . . .	68,150	3,761,880			

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Portfolio of Investments (Concluded) October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

	Number of Shares	Value
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS — 11.5%</b>		
<b>Exchange Traded Fund — 6.4%</b>		
iShares Short Treasury		
Bond ETF		
1.64% <sup>(a)</sup> . . . . .	116,365	\$ 12,883,933
<b>Money Market Fund — 5.1%</b>		
Dreyfus Institutional		
Treasury Securities		
Cash Advantage Fund,		
Premier Shares		
1.41% <sup>(b)</sup> . . . . .	10,396,339	10,396,339
TOTAL SHORT-TERM		
INVESTMENTS		
(Cost \$23,234,808) . . . . .		23,280,272
TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 99.7%		
(Cost \$161,612,958) . . . . .		201,538,358
OTHER ASSETS IN		
EXCESS OF		
LIABILITIES - 0.3% . . . . .		
		593,289
NET ASSETS - 100.0% . . . . .		
		\$ 202,131,647

\* Non-income producing.

(a) Rate periodically changes. Rate disclosed is the 30-day SEC yield at October 31, 2019.

(b) Rate periodically changes. Rate disclosed is the 7-day yield at October 31, 2019.

ADR American Depository Receipt  
 PLC Public Limited Company  
 REIT Real Estate Investment Trust  
 SP ADR Sponsored American Depository Receipt

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

### Assets

Investments, at value (Cost \$161,612,958) .....	\$201,538,358
Receivable for investments sold .....	762,020
Receivable for capital shares sold .....	32,079
Dividends receivable .....	233,305
Prepaid expenses and other assets .....	31,053
Total assets .....	<u>202,596,815</u>

### Liabilities

Payable for capital shares redeemed .....	214,897
Payable to Adviser .....	112,298
Payable for administration and accounting fees .....	34,177
Payable for transfer agent fees .....	25,403
Payable for distribution fees .....	17,764
Payable for printing fees .....	16,198
Payable for legal fees .....	15,977
Payable for audit fees .....	14,126
Payable for custodian fees .....	7,874
Payable for shareholder servicing fees .....	5,003
Accrued expenses .....	1,451
Total liabilities .....	<u>465,168</u>

Net Assets .....

	<u>\$202,131,647</u>
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### Net Assets consisted of:

Capital stock, \$0.01 par value .....	\$ 142,979
Paid-in capital .....	147,709,483
Total distributable earnings .....	<u>54,279,185</u>

Net Assets .....

	<u>\$202,131,647</u>
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### Class A:

Net asset value, redemption price per share (\$13,001,081 / 917,187 shares) .....	<u>\$14.17</u>
Maximum offering price per share (100/94.5 of \$14.17) .....	<u>\$14.99</u>

### Class C:

Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share (\$23,589,776 / 1,701,705 shares) .....	<u>\$13.86</u>
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### Institutional Class:

Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share (\$165,540,790 / 11,678,964 shares) .....	<u>\$14.17</u>
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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Statement of Operations For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

<b>Investment income</b>	
Dividends .....	\$ 2,826,327
Less: foreign taxes withheld .....	(20,530)
Total investment income .....	<u>2,805,797</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Advisory fees (Note 2) .....	772,165
Distribution fees (Class C) (Note 2) .....	93,251
Transfer agent fees (Note 2) .....	74,195
Administration and accounting fees (Note 2) .....	60,160
Shareholder servicing fees (Class C) (Note 2) .....	31,084
Trustees' and officers' fees (Note 2) .....	27,786
Registration and filing fees .....	26,288
Legal fees .....	19,382
Distribution fees (Class A) (Note 2) .....	17,311
Printing and shareholder reporting fees .....	16,878
Audit fees .....	14,706
Custodian fees (Note 2) .....	13,255
Other expenses .....	8,005
Total expenses .....	<u>1,174,466</u>
Less: waivers and reimbursements (Note 2) .....	<u>(106,223)</u>
Net expenses after waivers and reimbursements .....	<u>1,068,243</u>
Net investment income .....	<u>1,737,554</u>
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) from investments:</b>	
Net realized gain from investments .....	6,019,613
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments .....	<u>(5,182,598)</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments .....	<u>837,015</u>
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,574,569</u></u>

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<b>For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>For the Year Ended April 30, 2019</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets from operations:</b>		
Net investment income .....	\$ 1,737,554	\$ 3,543,641
Net realized gain from investments .....	6,019,613	15,100,484
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments .....	<u>(5,182,598)</u>	<u>(5,445,416)</u>
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	<u>2,574,569</u>	<u>13,198,709</u>
<b>Less dividends and distributions to shareholders from:</b>		
Total distributable earnings		
Class A .....	—	(1,467,856)
Class C .....	—	(2,431,876)
Institutional Class .....	<u>—</u>	<u>(16,589,140)</u>
Net decrease in net assets from dividends and distributions to shareholders .....	<u>—</u>	<u>(20,488,872)</u>
<b>Decrease in net assets derived from capital share transactions (Note 4) .....</b>	<u>(16,337,043)</u>	<u>(20,476,467)</u>
Total decrease in net assets .....	<u>(13,762,474)</u>	<u>(27,766,630)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Beginning of period .....	215,894,121	243,660,751
End of period .....	<u>\$202,131,647</u>	<u>\$215,894,121</u>

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Financial Highlights

Contained below is per share operating performance data for Class A shares outstanding, total investment return, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data for the respective period. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto.

	Class A					
	For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended April 30, 2019	For the Year Ended April 30, 2018	For the Year Ended April 30, 2017	For the Year Ended April 30, 2016	For the Year Ended April 30, 2015
<b>Per Share Operating Performance</b>						
Net asset value, beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.33	\$ 14.22	\$ 13.02	\$ 13.91	\$ 13.37
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	0.11	0.21	0.17	0.13	0.11	0.12
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments . . . . .	0.08	0.68	1.15	1.32	(0.60)	0.98
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations . . . . .	0.19	0.89	1.32	1.45	(0.49)	1.10
Dividends and distributions to shareholders from:						
Net investment income . . . . .	—	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.10)
Net realized capital gains . . . . .	—	(1.08)	(1.06)	(0.14)	(0.26)	(0.46)
Total dividends and distributions to shareholders . . . . .	—	(1.24)	(1.21)	(0.25)	(0.40)	(0.56)
Redemption fees . . . . .	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>	—	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>
Net asset value, end of period . . . . .	\$ 14.17	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.33	\$ 14.22	\$ 13.02	\$ 13.91
Total investment return <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	1.36%	6.86%	9.45%	11.13%	(3.44)%	8.22%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in thousands) . . . . .	\$13,001	\$15,019	\$47,274	\$52,845	\$65,882	\$85,653
Ratio of expenses to average net assets . . . . .	1.15% <sup>(4)</sup>	1.18%	1.24%	1.20%	1.25%	1.25%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets without waivers, expense reimbursements, and/or recoupments, if any . . . . .	1.25% <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.23% <sup>(5)</sup>	1.24%	1.20%	1.21% <sup>(5)</sup>	1.18% <sup>(5)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets . . . . .	1.58% <sup>(4)</sup>	1.47%	1.16%	0.98%	0.85%	0.90%
Portfolio turnover rate . . . . .	15% <sup>(6)</sup>	42%	33%	29%	34%	27%

(1) The selected per share data was calculated using the average shares outstanding method for the period.

(2) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(3) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares on the first day and a sale of shares on the last day of each period reported and includes reinvestment of dividends and distributions, if any. Total return for periods less than one year are not annualized.

(4) Annualized. Total investment return does not reflect the impact of the maximum front-end sales load of 5.50%. If reflected, the return would be lower.

(5) During the period, certain fees were waived, reimbursed, and/or recouped. If such fee waivers, reimbursements, and/or recoupments had not occurred, the ratios would have been as indicated (See Note 2).

(6) Not annualized.

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Financial Highlights

Contained below is per share operating performance data for Class C shares outstanding, total investment return, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data for the respective period. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto.

	Class C					
	For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended April 30, 2019	For the Year Ended April 30, 2018	For the Year Ended April 30, 2017	For the Year Ended April 30, 2016	For the Year Ended April 30, 2015
<b>Per Share Operating Performance</b>						
Net asset value, beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 13.73	\$ 14.12	\$ 14.06	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.75	\$ 13.24
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	0.06	0.10	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments . . . . .	0.07	0.67	1.13	1.30	(0.60)	0.97
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations . . . . .	0.13	0.77	1.19	1.33	(0.59)	0.99
Dividends and distributions to shareholders from:						
Net investment income . . . . .	—	(0.08)	(0.07)	— <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.03)	(0.02)
Net realized capital gains . . . . .	—	(1.08)	(1.06)	(0.14)	(0.26)	(0.46)
Total dividends and distributions to shareholders . . . . .	—	(1.16)	(1.13)	(0.14)	(0.29)	(0.48)
Redemption fees . . . . .	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>	—	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>
Net asset value, end of period . . . . .	<u>\$ 13.86</u>	<u>\$ 13.73</u>	<u>\$ 14.12</u>	<u>\$ 14.06</u>	<u>\$ 12.87</u>	<u>\$ 13.75</u>
Total investment return <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	0.95%	6.05%	8.63%	10.35%	(4.17)%	7.49%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in thousands) . . . . .	\$23,590	\$27,407	\$35,488	\$45,071	\$51,146	\$62,378
Ratio of expenses to average net assets . . . . .	1.90% <sup>(4)</sup>	1.93%	1.99%	1.95%	2.00%	2.00%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets without waivers, expense reimbursements, and/or recoupments, if any . . . . .	2.00% <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.98% <sup>(5)</sup>	1.99%	1.95%	1.96% <sup>(5)</sup>	1.93% <sup>(5)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets . . . . .	0.83% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.71%	0.41%	0.23%	0.10%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate . . . . .	15% <sup>(6)</sup>	42%	33%	29%	34%	27%

(1) The selected per share data was calculated using the average shares outstanding method for the period.

(2) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(3) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares on the first day and a sale of shares on the last day of each period reported and includes reinvestment of dividends and distributions, if any. Total returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Total return does not reflect any applicable sales charge.

(4) Annualized.

(5) During the period, certain fees were waived, reimbursed, and/or recouped. If such fee waivers, reimbursements, and/or recoupments had not occurred, the ratios would have been as indicated (See Note 2).

(6) Not annualized.

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Financial Highlights

Contained below is per share operating performance data for Institutional Class shares outstanding, total investment return, ratios to average net assets and other supplemental data for the respective period. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been derived from information provided in the financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto.

	Institutional Class					
	For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended April 30, 2019	For the Year Ended April 30, 2018	For the Year Ended April 30, 2017	For the Year Ended April 30, 2016	For the Year Ended April 30, 2015
<b>Per Share Operating Performance</b>						
Net asset value, beginning of period . . . . .	\$ 13.97	\$ 14.37	\$ 14.26	\$ 13.06	\$ 13.95	\$ 13.41
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	0.13	0.24	0.21	0.17	0.14	0.16
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments . . . . .	0.07	0.69	1.14	1.32	(0.60)	0.98
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations . . . . .	0.20	0.93	1.35	1.49	(0.46)	1.14
Dividends and distributions to shareholders from:						
Net investment income . . . . .	—	(0.25)	(0.18)	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.14)
Net realized capital gains . . . . .	—	(1.08)	(1.06)	(0.14)	(0.26)	(0.46)
Total dividends and distributions to shareholders . . . . .	—	(1.33)	(1.24)	(0.29)	(0.43)	(0.60)
Redemption fees . . . . .	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>	—	— <sup>(2)</sup>	— <sup>(2)</sup>
Net asset value, end of period . . . . .	\$ 14.17	\$ 13.97	\$ 14.37	\$ 14.26	\$ 13.06	\$ 13.95
Total investment return <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	1.43%	7.16%	9.70%	11.40%	(3.15)%	8.54%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in thousands) . . . . .	\$165,541	\$173,468	\$160,899	\$171,105	\$196,785	\$189,860
Ratio of expenses to average net assets . . . . .	0.90% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.93%	0.99%	0.96%	1.00%	1.00%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets without waivers, expense reimbursements, and/or recoupments, if any . . . . .	1.00% <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	0.99% <sup>(5)</sup>	0.99%	0.96%	0.96% <sup>(5)</sup>	0.93% <sup>(5)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets . . . . .	1.83% <sup>(4)</sup>	1.72%	1.41%	1.23%	1.10%	1.14%
Portfolio turnover rate . . . . .	15% <sup>(6)</sup>	42%	33%	29%	34%	27%

(1) The selected per share data was calculated using the average shares outstanding method for the period.

(2) Amount is less than \$0.005 per share.

(3) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of shares on the first day and a sale of shares on the last day of each period reported and includes reinvestment of dividends and distributions, if any. Total return for period less than one year is not annualized.

(4) Annualized.

(5) During the period, certain fees were waived, reimbursed, and/or recouped. If such fee waivers, reimbursements, and/or recoupments had not occurred, the ratios would have been as indicated (See Note 2).

(6) Not annualized.

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# EIC VALUE FUND

## Notes to Financial Statements October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

### 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

The EIC Value Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified, open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), which commenced operations on May 1, 2011. The Fund is a separate series of FundVantage Trust (the “Trust”) which was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on August 28, 2006. The Trust is a “series trust” authorized to issue an unlimited number of separate series or classes of shares of beneficial interest. Each series is treated as a separate entity for certain matters under the 1940 Act, and for other purposes, and a shareholder of one series is not deemed to be a shareholder of any other series. The Fund offers separate classes of shares, Class A, Class C, Institutional Class and Retail Class shares. Class A shares are sold subject to a front-end sales charge. Front-end sales charges may be reduced or waived under certain circumstances. A contingent deferred sales charge (“CDSC”) may be applicable to the redemption of Class A shares. A CDSC, as a percentage of the lower of the original purchase price or net asset value at redemption, of up to 1.00% may be imposed on full or partial redemptions of Class A shares made within eighteen months of purchase where: (i) \$1 million or more of Class A shares were purchased without an initial sales charge, and (ii) the Fund’s principal underwriter, Foreside Funds Distributors LLC (the “Underwriter”), paid a commission to the selling broker-dealer for such sale. A CDSC of up to 1.00% is assessed on redemptions of Class C Shares made within eighteen months after a purchase where the broker-dealer was paid a commission for such sale. As of October 31, 2019, the Retail Class Shares have not been issued.

The Fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance in the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946.

**Portfolio Valuation** — The Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) is calculated once daily at the close of regular trading hours on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) (typically 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day the NYSE is open. Securities held by the Fund are valued using the closing price or the last sale price on a national securities exchange or the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation System (“NASDAQ”) market system where they are primarily traded. Equity securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at their closing prices. If there were no transactions on that day, securities traded principally on an exchange or on NASDAQ will be valued at the mean of the last bid and ask prices prior to the market close. Investments in other open-end investment companies are valued based on the NAV of the investment companies (which may use fair value pricing as discussed in their prospectuses). If market quotations are unavailable or deemed unreliable, securities will be valued in accordance with procedures adopted by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (“Board of Trustees”). Relying on prices supplied by pricing services or dealers or using fair valuation may result in values that are higher or lower than the values used by other investment companies and investors to price the same investments. In the event that market quotes are not readily available, and the security or asset cannot be valued pursuant to one of the valuation methods, the value of the security or asset will be determined

# EIC VALUE FUND

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

in good faith by the Adviser. The Trust has established a Valuation Committee which performs certain functions including the oversight of the Adviser's fair valuation determinations.

**Fair Value Measurements** — The inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the Fund's investments are summarized into three levels as described in the hierarchy below:

- Level 1 — quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;
- Level 2 — other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
- Level 3 — significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used, as of October 31, 2019, in valuing the Fund's investments carried at fair value:

	Total Value at 10/31/19	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs
Common Stocks* . . . . .	\$ 178,258,086	\$ 178,258,086	\$ —	\$ —
Short-Term Investments* . . . . .	23,280,272	23,280,272	—	—
Total Investments . . . . .	<u>\$ 201,538,358</u>	<u>\$ 201,538,358</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

\* Please refer to Portfolio of Investments for further details on portfolio holdings.

At the end of each quarter, management evaluates the classification of Levels 1, 2 and 3 assets and liabilities. Various factors are considered, such as changes in liquidity from the prior reporting period; whether or not a broker is willing to execute at the quoted price; the depth and consistency of prices from third party pricing services; and the existence of contemporaneous, observable trades in the market. Additionally, management evaluates the classification of Level 1 and Level 2 assets and liabilities on a quarterly basis for changes in listings or delistings on national exchanges.

Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the Fund's investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values the Fund



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may ultimately realize. Further, such investments may be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or are otherwise less liquid than publicly traded securities.

For fair valuations using significant unobservable inputs, U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) require the Fund to present a reconciliation of the beginning to ending balances for reported market values that present changes attributable to total realized and unrealized gains or losses, purchase and sales, and transfers in and out of Level 3 during the period. A reconciliation of Level 3 investments is presented only when the Fund had an amount of Level 3 investments at the end of the reporting period that was meaningful in relation to its net assets. The amounts and reasons for all transfers in and out of each Level within the three-tier hierarchy are disclosed when the Fund had an amount of total transfers during the reporting period that was meaningful in relation to its net assets as of the end of the reporting period.

For the six months ended October 31, 2019, there were no transfers in or out of Level 3.

**Use of Estimates** — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and those differences could be material.

**Investment Transactions, Investment Income and Expenses** — Investment transactions are recorded on trade date for financial statement preparation purposes. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Estimated components of distributions received from real estate investment trusts may be considered income, return of capital distributions or capital gain distributions. Return of capital distributions are recorded as a reduction of cost of the related investments. Distribution (12b-1) fees and shareholder services fees relating to a specific class are charged directly to that class. Fund level expenses common to all classes, investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are allocated to each class based upon relative daily net assets of each class. General expenses of the Trust are generally allocated to each fund in proportion to its relative daily net assets. Expenses directly attributable to a particular fund in the Trust are charged directly to that fund.

**Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders** — Dividends from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are declared, recorded on ex-date and paid at least annually to shareholders. Income dividends and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

**U.S. Tax Status** — No provision is made for U.S. income taxes as it is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify for and elect the tax treatment applicable to regulated investment companies under Subchapter

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M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Internal Revenue Code”), and make the requisite distributions to its shareholders which will be sufficient to relieve it from U.S. income and excise taxes.

**Other** — In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on claims that may be made against the Fund in the future, and therefore, cannot be estimated; however, based on experience, the risk of material loss for such claims is considered remote.

**Recent Regulatory Reporting Update and Accounting Pronouncement** — In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an Accounting Standards Update, ASU 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement* (the “2018 ASU”) which adds, modifies and removes disclosure requirements related to certain aspects of fair value measurement. The 2018 ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. As of October 31, 2019, the Fund has fully adopted the provisions of the 2018 ASU, which did not have a material impact on the Fund’s financial statements and related disclosures or impact the Fund’s net assets or results of operations.

## 2. Transactions with Related Parties and Other Service Providers

Equity Investment Corporation (“EIC” or the “Adviser”) serves as investment adviser to the Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust (the “Advisory Agreement”). For its services, the Adviser is paid a monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.75% of the Fund’s average daily net assets under \$500 million; 0.65% of the Fund’s average daily net assets of \$500 million or more but less than \$1 billion; and 0.50% of the Fund’s average daily net assets of \$1 billion and over. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive or otherwise reduce its annual compensation received from the Fund to the extent necessary to ensure that the Fund’s “Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses”, excluding taxes, fees and expenses attributable to a distribution or service plan adopted by the Trust, “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses,” interest, extraordinary items and brokerage commissions, do not exceed 0.90% of average daily net assets of the Fund (the “Expense Limitation”). The Expense Limitation will remain in place until August 31, 2020, unless the Board of Trustees approves its earlier termination. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, the Adviser may recoup any expenses or fees it has reimbursed within a three-year period from the date on which the Adviser reduced its compensation and/or assumed expenses of the Fund. The Adviser is permitted to seek reimbursement from the Fund, subject to certain limitations, for fees it waived and Fund expenses it paid to the extent the total annual fund operating expenses do not exceed the limits described above or any lesser limits in effect at the time of reimbursement. No recoupment will occur unless the Fund’s expenses are below the Expense Limitation amount.

As of October 31, 2019, the amount of potential recovery was as follows:

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<u>Expiration</u>		
<u>4/30/2022</u>	<u>10/31/2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$118,185	\$106,223	\$224,408

For the six months ended October 31, 2019, the Adviser earned advisory fees of \$772,165 and waived fees of \$106,223.

### Other Service Providers

The Bank of New York Mellon (“BNY Mellon”) serves as administrator and custodian for the Fund. For providing administrative and accounting services, BNY Mellon is entitled to receive a monthly fee equal to an annual percentage rate of the Fund’s average daily net assets and is subject to certain minimum monthly fees. For providing certain custodial services, BNY Mellon is entitled to receive a monthly fee, subject to certain minimum, and out of pocket expenses.

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (the “Transfer Agent”) provides transfer agent services to the Fund. The Transfer Agent is entitled to receive a monthly fee, subject to certain minimum, and out of pocket expenses.

The Trust, on behalf of the Fund, has entered into agreements with financial intermediaries to provide recordkeeping, processing, shareholder communications and other services to customers of the intermediaries investing in the Fund and have agreed to compensate the intermediaries for providing those services. The fees incurred by the Fund for these services are included in Transfer agent fees in the Statement of Operations.

Foreside Funds Distributors LLC (the “Underwriter”) provides principal underwriting services to the Fund pursuant to an underwriting agreement between the Trust and the Underwriter.

The Trust and the Underwriter are parties to an underwriting agreement. The Trust has adopted a distribution plan for Class A and Class C shares in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Pursuant to the Class A and Class C shares plan, the Fund compensates the Underwriter for direct and indirect costs and expenses incurred in connection with advertising, marketing and other distribution services in an amount not to exceed 0.25% and 1.00% (0.75% Rule 12b-1 distribution fee and 0.25% shareholder service fee) on an annualized basis of the average daily net assets of the Fund’s Class A and Class C shares, respectively.

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### Trustees and Officers

The Trust is governed by its Board of Trustees. The Trustees receive compensation in the form of an annual retainer and per meeting fees for their services to the Trust. The remuneration paid to the Trustees by the Fund during the six months ended October 31, 2019 was \$7,383. An employee of BNY Mellon serves as the Secretary of the Trust and is not compensated by the Fund or the Trust.

JW Fund Management LLC (“JWFM”) provides a Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, respectively, to the Trust. Duff & Phelps, LLC (“D&P”) provides the Trust with a Chief Compliance Officer and an Anti-Money Laundering Officer. JWFM and D&P are compensated for their services provided to the Trust.

### 3. Investment in Securities

For the six months ended October 31, 2019, aggregate purchases and sales of investment securities (excluding short-term investments) of the Fund were as follows:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>
Investment Securities . . . . .	\$28,498,250	\$39,901,804

### 4. Capital Share Transactions

For the six months ended October 31, 2019 and year ended April 30, 2019, transactions in capital shares (authorized shares unlimited) were as follows:

	<u>For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)</u>		<u>For the Year Ended April 30, 2019</u>	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Class A				
Sales . . . . .	10,484	\$ 146,534	107,434	\$ 1,538,913
Reinvestments . . . . .	—	—	89,030	1,155,614
Redemption Fees* . . . . .	—	32	—	351
Redemptions . . . . .	<u>(167,268)</u>	<u>(2,309,294)</u>	<u>(2,420,969)</u>	<u>(35,638,291)</u>
Net decrease . . . . .	<u>(156,784)</u>	<u>\$ (2,162,728)</u>	<u>(2,224,505)</u>	<u>\$(32,943,413)</u>

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	For the Six Months Ended October 31, 2019 (Unaudited)		For the Year Ended April 30, 2019	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Class C</b>				
Sales .....	8,481	\$ 116,163	69,363	\$ 977,102
Reinvestments .....	—	—	180,955	2,312,609
Redemption Fees* .....	—	59	—	565
Redemptions .....	<u>(303,142)</u>	<u>(4,105,209)</u>	<u>(767,907)</u>	<u>(10,657,230)</u>
Net decrease .....	<u>(294,661)</u>	<u>\$ (3,988,987)</u>	<u>(517,589)</u>	<u>\$ (7,366,954)</u>
<b>Institutional Class</b>				
Sales .....	555,345	\$ 7,720,397	4,091,856	\$ 58,852,083
Reinvestments .....	—	—	1,258,074	16,292,060
Redemption Fees* .....	—	384	—	3,288
Redemptions .....	<u>(1,296,425)</u>	<u>(17,906,109)</u>	<u>(4,125,916)</u>	<u>(55,313,531)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) .....	<u>(741,080)</u>	<u>\$(10,185,328)</u>	<u>1,224,014</u>	<u>\$ 19,833,900</u>
<b>Total Net Decrease</b>	<u>(1,192,525)</u>	<u>\$(16,337,043)</u>	<u>(1,518,080)</u>	<u>\$(20,476,467)</u>

\* There is a 2.00% redemption fee that may be charged on shares redeemed which have been held for 30 days or less. The redemption fees are retained by the Fund for the benefit of the remaining shareholders and recorded as paid-in-capital.

### 5. Federal Tax Information

The Fund has followed the authoritative guidance on accounting for and disclosure of uncertainty in tax positions, which requires the Fund to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Fund has determined that there was no effect on the financial statements from following this authoritative guidance. In the normal course of business, the Fund is subject to examination by federal, state and local jurisdictions, where applicable, for tax years for which applicable statutes of limitations have not expired.

For the year ended April 30, 2019 the tax character of distributions paid by the Fund was \$3,467,250 of ordinary income dividends and \$17,021,622 of long-term capital gains dividends. Distributions from net investment income and short-term gains are treated as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

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As of April 30, 2019, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

<u>Undistributed Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Undistributed Long-Term Gain</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation</u>	<u>Total Distributable Earnings</u>
\$820,915	\$5,775,703	\$45,107,998	\$51,704,616

The differences between the book and tax basis components of distributable earnings relate primarily to the timing and recognition of income and gains for federal income tax purposes.

As of October 31, 2019, the federal tax cost, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities held by the Fund were as follows:

Federal tax cost* . . . . .	<u>\$161,612,958</u>
Gross unrealized appreciation . . . . .	\$ 44,682,410
Gross unrealized depreciation . . . . .	<u>(4,757,010)</u>
Net unrealized appreciation . . . . .	<u>\$ 39,925,400</u>

\* Because tax adjustments are calculated annually at the end of the Fund's fiscal year, the above table does not reflect tax adjustments for the current fiscal year. For the previous year's federal income tax information, please refer to the Notes to Financial Statements section in the Fund's most recent annual report.

Pursuant to federal income tax rules applicable to regulated investment companies, the Fund may elect to treat certain capital losses between November 1 and April 30 and late year ordinary losses ((i) ordinary losses between January 1 and April 30, and (ii) specified ordinary and currency losses between November 1 and April 30 as occurring on the first day of the following tax year. For the year ended April 30, 2019, any amount of losses elected within the tax return will not be recognized for federal income tax purposes until May 1, 2019. For the year ended April 30, 2019, the Fund had no loss deferrals.

Accumulated capital losses represent net capital loss carry forwards as of April 30, 2019 that may be available to offset future realized capital gains and thereby reduce future capital gains distributions. As of April 30, 2019, the Fund did not have any capital loss carryforwards.

### 6. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Fund through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there are no material subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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## Other Information (Unaudited)

### Proxy Voting

Policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities as well as information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 are available without charge, upon request, by calling (855) 430-6487 and on the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### Quarterly Portfolio Schedules

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third fiscal quarters of each fiscal year (quarters ended July 31 and January 31) on Form N-Q. The Trust's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Form N-Q is being rescinded. Once Form N-Q is rescinded, disclosure of the Fund's complete holdings will be required to be made monthly on Form N-PORT, with every third month made available to the public by the Commission upon filing.

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## **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

October 31, 2019  
(Unaudited)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Beginning on January 1, 2021, paper copies of the EIC Value Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the shareholder reports from the EIC Value Fund or from your financial intermediary. Instead, annual and semi-annual shareholder reports will be available on the EIC Value Fund's website ([www.eicvalue.com](http://www.eicvalue.com)), and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

You may elect to receive all future annual and semi-annual shareholder reports in paper, free of charge. To elect to receive paper copies of shareholder reports through the mail or otherwise change your delivery method, contact your financial intermediary or, if you hold your shares directly through the EIC Value Fund, call the EIC Value Fund toll-free at (855) 430-6487 or write to the EIC Value Fund at:

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