# Long/Short Fund | JAZZX

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016** 

#### **Fund Info**

#### Fund Statistics as of September 30, 2016

Ticker Symbol	JAZZX
Inception Date	May 23, 2011
Cusip	470259797
Benchmark Index	S&P 500® Index
Assets	\$22.76 Mil.
Longs	
No. Stocks in Portfolio	65
Median Capitalization	\$9,619.1 Mil.
Price/Earnings	16.01
Price/Book	3.61

# Fund Operating Expenses Prospectus 11/01/2015

Management Fee	1.25%
Distribution (12b-1) Fees	0.25%
Dividend Expenses on Short Sales	0.28%
Interest Expenses	0.92%
Remainder of Other	
Expenses	0.00%
Acquired Fund Fees	
and Expenses	0.01%
Total Annual Fund	
Operating Expenses	2.71%

# Top Ten Longs as of July 31, 2016 (Market)

Avery Dennison Corp	3.65%
Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc	3.43%
Travelers Cos Inc/The	3.36%
Pfizer Inc	2.91%
Celanese Corp	2.86%
DST Systems Inc	2.62%
Smith & Wesson Holding Corp	2.60%
Northrop Grumman Corp	2.48%
Innospec Inc	2.42%
Southwest Airlines Co	2.24%
Total	28.57%

#### **Asset Allocation**



As a % of total portfolio as of 9/30/16.

#### **Investment Objective**

James Long/Short Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

### **Investment Strategy & Process**

The Fund invests primarily in foreign and domestic equity securities ("long positions") that the Adviser believes are undervalued and more likely to appreciate, and sells short equity securities ("short positions") that the Adviser believes are overvalued and more likely to depreciate. The Fund also may take long positions in domestic and foreign fixed income securities that the Adviser believes are more likely to appreciate in the interest rate and spread environment anticipated by the Adviser, and short positions in fixed income securities that the Adviser believes are more likely to depreciate in the interest rate and spread environment anticipated by the Adviser. The Fund seeks to achieve positive returns on both the long positions and short positions that it takes in various securities. At times, the Fund may employ a strategy known as 130/30. This means that it may maintain 100% net long exposure by investing 130% of its net assets in long positions and 30% of its net assets in short positions. The Fund will only use this strategy when its risk indicators favor doing so. At any one time, the Fund can have up to 100% of its total assets (including any borrowings) invested in long positions or short positions.

# Why Use James Long/Short Fund?

For those who are concerned about the markets' volatility and want to take an alternative approach the James Advantage Fund: Long/Short Fund may be of interest. With this fund we utilize our research to determine an optimal mix given the risk and opportunity levels of the market. We use the long side to invest in those securities with the best bargain characteristics. We define bargains securities as those with good relative value, profitability, and strength. When the strategy calls for shorts to be in the portfolio we search for the most expensive securities. By changing the allocation mix based on the risk levels we hope to achieve equity like returns with lower downside volatility.

### Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup>

Overall Rating ★★★

3 Year Rating ★★★

5 Year Rating ★★★

The Morningstar Star Rating™ for the James Long/Short Fund is based on risk-adjusted returns as of 9/30/16 in the long/short equity category out of 163 funds overall and for the last 3 years and 89 in the last 5 years.

# Performance as of September 30, 2016

	3Q16**	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	SI*
James Long/Short	0.39%	1.96%	3.45%	8.51%	-	5.17%
S&P 500® Index	3.85%	15.43%	11.16%	16.37%	-	12.14%

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of the James Advantage Funds (the Funds) carefully before investing; this and other information about the Funds is in the prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 1-800-99-JAMES. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest. The performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The 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 their original cost. The Funds' current performances may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Investors may obtain performance information current to the last month-end, within 7 business days, at www.jamesfunds.com. \*Since Inception 5/23/2011. \*\*3rd quarter numbers are not annualized. (All other numbers are average annual returns) \*\*\* Indicates total annual fund operating expenses.

Additional Performance figures can be found at JamesFunds.com.





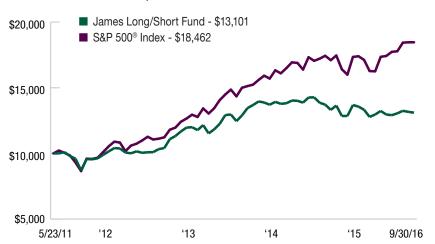
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#### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

#### Growth of \$10,000 as of September 30, 2016



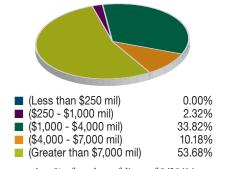
This performance is based on reinvestment of all dividends and distributions and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on any distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

#### JAZZX Yearly Returns

2011*	-3.75%
2012	8.12%
2013	24.54%
2014	8.07%
2015	-4.88%

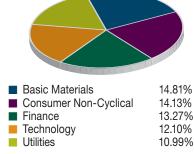
<sup>\*</sup> Inception is 5/23/11

# Longs-Market Cap Breakout



As a % of total portfolio as of 9/30/16.

# Longs-Top 5 **Sector Diversification**



As a % of total portfolio as of 9/30/16.

## **Portfolio Managers**

Dr. Frank James, Ph.D 44 Years

Founder and Chairman of James Investment Research

Barry R. James, CFA, CIC

President/CEO and Portfolio Manager with James Investment Research

President of the James Advantage Funds

Thomas L. Mangan, MBA, CMFC

Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager, VP and CFO of James Advantage Funds

David W. James, CFA 36 Years

Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager

Ann M. Shaw, CFP 38 Years

Chief Operating Officer and Portfolio Manager

R. Brian Culpepper, MBA, CMFC 20 Years

Vice President and Portfolio Manager

Brian Shepardson, CFA, CIC

17 Years First Vice President and Portfolio Manager

Trent D. Dysert, CFA 10 years

Portfolio Manager

Matthew G. Watson, CFA, CPA

9 years

Pórtfolio Manager

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Price/Earnings ratio is a valuation of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings.

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As of 9/30/16 James Long/Short Fund was rated against the following numbers of Long/Short Equity over the following time periods: 163 funds in the last three years and 89 in the last five years. With respect to these Long/Short Equity funds, the James Long/Short Fund received a Morningstar Rating of 3 stars for three year period.

Ratings are based on risk-adjusted return. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3, 5 and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. (Overall and 3-years 163 funds)

Short selling incurs significant additional risk; theoretically, stocks sold short have unlimited upside risk potential. In addition, this strategy depends on the Adviser's ability to correctly identify undervalued and overvalued stocks, and that the stock markets are reasonable and efficient. Periods of extreme volatility may barm the performance of this product. The Fund may have a high portfolio turnover rate. A high portfolio turnover rate can result in increased brokerage commission costs and may expose taxable shareholders to potentially larger current tax liability.

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