

# TCW | Gargoyle Hedged Value Fund

DECEMBER 31, 2017 | QUARTERLY FACT SHEET

**TCW** Alternative  
Funds TCW Family of Funds

<b>SYMBOL</b> I Share: TFHIX N Share: TFHVX	<b>TOTAL AUM</b> \$39 Million	<b>NAV</b> I Share: \$10.19 N Share: \$10.23	<b>CATEGORY</b> Morningstar Option Writing	<b>BENCHMARK</b> S&P 500	<b>INCEPTION DATE</b> I Share: 12/31/99 N Share: 12/31/99	<b>CUSIP</b> I Share: 87808J109 N Share: 87808J208
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## Top Ten Equity Holdings (%)

Foot Locker, Inc.	1.87
Michael Kors Holdings Ltd	1.86
United Therapeutics Corporation	1.80
Akamai Technologies, Inc.	1.80
United Rentals, Inc.	1.75
Voya Financial, Inc.	1.75
United Continental Holdings, Inc.	1.70
Express Scripts Holding Company	1.68
Twitter, Inc.	1.68
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	1.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.53</b>

## GICS Sector Allocation (%)

Consumer Discretionary	17.71
Consumer Staples	4.63
Energy	4.97
Financials	14.42
Health Care	18.55
Industrials	10.61
Information Technology	21.92
Materials	6.09
Telecommunication Services	1.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: TCW Portfolio Analytics, Factset

Portfolio characteristics and holdings are subject to change at any time. It should not be assumed that an investment in the securities listed was or will be profitable. Sector allocation is the equity exposure, excluding cash.

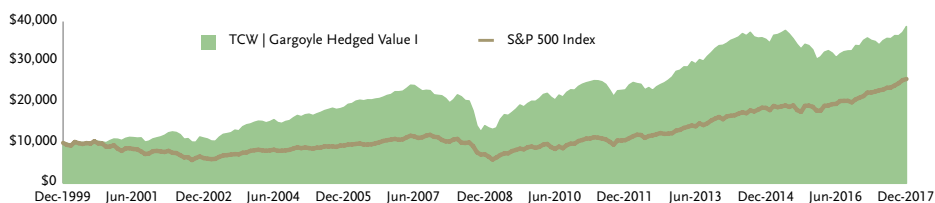
## Fund Performance (%)

	Annualized						Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
	4Q17	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years <sup>1</sup>	10 Years <sup>1</sup>	
<b>I Share</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>14.11</b>	<b>14.11</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>8.07</b>	<b>5.95</b>	<b>7.81</b>
<b>N Share</b>	<b>6.12</b>	<b>13.79</b>	<b>13.79</b>	<b>2.63</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>5.80</b>	<b>7.73</b>
Index <sup>2</sup>	6.64	21.83	21.83	11.41	15.79	8.50	5.40
MStar Option Writing Category	2.51	8.59	8.59	4.09	5.69	2.90	3.67

## Fund Performance by Year (%)

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>I Share</b>	<b>14.11</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>-7.22</b>	<b>4.62</b>	<b>29.38</b>	<b>13.86</b>	<b>-3.66</b>	<b>18.16</b>	<b>42.20</b>	<b>-34.42</b>
<b>N Share</b>	<b>13.79</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>-7.48</b>	<b>4.41</b>	<b>29.16</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
Index <sup>2</sup>	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69	32.39	16.00	2.11	15.06	26.46	-37.00
MStar Option Writing Category	8.59	5.45	-0.51	4.35	12.59	5.89	3.01	5.75	9.42	-20.61

## Growth of \$10,000



Source: TCW, Morningstar Option Writing category returns sourced from Morningstar

Returns include the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

<sup>1</sup> Returns include the performance of the predecessor limited partnership for periods before the Fund's registration became effective. The predecessor limited partnership was not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act") and therefore was not subject to certain investment restrictions imposed by the 1940 Act. If the predecessor limited partnership had been registered under the 1940 Act, its performance may have been adversely affected. For period 12/31/99-12/31/17. <sup>2</sup> S&P 500 - A capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

The performance data presented represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Total returns include reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data presented. Performance data current to the most recent month end is available on the Fund's website at TCW.com. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions. The value of an investment in the Fund, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than its original purchase cost. The Fund offers another class, the performance for which will vary due to fees and expenses.

## Investment Objective

The TCW | Gargoyle Hedged Value Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation with lower volatility than a stand-alone stock portfolio.

## Investment Strategy

The TCW | Gargoyle Hedged Value Fund seeks to purchase undervalued stocks and hedge part of the stock market risk by selling a blend of index call options. By combining a short call option strategy to its long equity portfolio, the Fund believes it can increase the Fund's income, reduce the volatility of its returns and, in general, improve the reward/risk of the stock portfolio. Proprietary tools are used in an effort to maintain the Fund's net long market exposure within a target range so that investors participate as equities are trending higher and are partially protected as equities are trending lower.

There is no assurance that the objectives and/or trends will come to pass or be maintained.

## Expense Ratio (%)

	I Share	N Share
Gross	2.19	2.51
Net*	1.25	1.50

Annual fund operating expenses as stated in the Prospectus dated February 28, 2017.

\*TCW Investment Management Company LLC, the Fund's Investment Adviser, has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses through March 1, 2018 to limit the Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, dividends on securities sold short, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses) to 1.25% of average daily net assets with respect to Class I shares and 1.50% of average daily net assets with respect to Class N shares.

This contractual fee waiver/expense reimbursement will remain in place through March 1, 2018. During this term, only the Board may terminate or modify the terms of the contract. The Adviser may request recoupment of previously waived fees and paid expenses from the Fund for three years from the date they were waived or paid, subject to any applicable expense caps at the time of recoupment or at the time of waiver and/or reimbursement, whichever is lower.

**You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of a mutual fund carefully before investing. A Fund's Prospectus and Summary Prospectus contain this and other information about the Fund. To receive a Prospectus, please call 866-858-4338 or you may download the Prospectus from the Fund's website at TCW.com. Please read it carefully.**

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## Portfolio Managers

Joshua B. Parker, Gargoyle Investment Advisor LLC  
Alan L. Salzbank, Gargoyle Investment Advisor LLC

## Investment Adviser: TCW

- Leading global asset management firm with more than four decades of investment experience
- \$205 billion under management as of December 31, 2017
- High level of employee ownership of TCW
- TCW offers strategies that invests globally in fixed income, equity, and alternative markets, with offices in Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Chicago, London, Hong Kong, and Tokyo

## Sub-Adviser: Gargoyle

- Established in 1988
- \$480 million under management/advisement as of December 31, 2017
- Gargoyle principals and employees have \$10+ million invested in the strategy
- Each member of the investment team has 25+ years of options experience;
- Managing principals have 15+ years experience working together

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## Performance & Characteristics | Since Inception 12/31/99

	I Share	N Share	Index
Cumulative Return	287.74	56.17	157.88
Annualized Return	7.82	8.18	5.40
Annualized Std Deviation	13.43	9.28	14.52
Sharpe Ratio (Annualized)	0.45	0.44	0.25
Alpha	3.89	3.81	0
Beta	0.72	0.72	1.00

Source: TCW, Zephyr

## PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

The performance information herein relates to the Institutional Class shares of the RiverPark/Gargoyle Hedged Value Fund, a series of RiverPark Funds Trust (the "predecessor mutual fund"). The predecessor mutual fund offered two classes of shares, retail class (RGHVX) and institutional class (RGHIX), which invested in the same portfolio of securities, but had different returns based on their respective expenses. Retail Class shares had lower returns than Institutional Class shares because of their higher expenses. On July 13, 2015, the predecessor mutual fund reorganized into the Fund, a series of TCW Alternative Funds.

Performance information shown prior to July 13, 2015 is that of the institutional class shares of the predecessor mutual fund. The Fund charges the same management fee as the predecessor mutual fund and the Fund's total operating expenses after fee waiver or expense reimbursement will be the same as those of the predecessor mutual fund. If the predecessor mutual fund had been charged the same fees and expenses of the Fund, the annual returns for the predecessor mutual fund would have been the same. Performance information shown prior to April 30, 2012 is for the predecessor mutual fund's predecessor limited partnership (Gargoyle Hedged Value Fund L.P.), a private partnership with one class of units. The predecessor limited partnership was merged into and reorganized as the predecessor mutual fund as of April 30, 2012. The merger and reorganization of the predecessor limited partnership into the predecessor mutual fund was for purposes entirely unrelated to the establishment of a performance record. The predecessor mutual fund was managed by the same investment adviser (i.e., its sub-adviser, Gargoyle Investment Advisor L.L.C.) and in a manner that was in all material respects equivalent to the management of the predecessor limited partnership since December 31, 1999. The predecessor limited partnership was formed and commenced operations in 1997; however, substantial changes were made to the strategy in January 2000, consistent with the strategy that the predecessor mutual fund pursued. Data presented since inception is measured from this December 31, 1999 date. Performance is presented for the predecessor limited partnership from December 31, 1999 to April 30, 2012 net of a 1% annual management fee and a 20% performance fee, brokerage commissions and other expenses, and includes the reinvestment of dividends, interest, and other earnings, and for the predecessor mutual fund, from April 30, 2012 to July 13, 2015, net of operating expenses as described in the predecessor mutual fund's prospectus. During its operating history since December 31, 1999, the predecessor limited partnership's investment policies, objectives, guidelines and restrictions were in all material respects equivalent to the predecessor mutual fund's. The information for periods prior to April 30, 2012 shows how the predecessor limited partnership's performance varied from year to year, and reflects the actual fees and expenses that were charged when the predecessor mutual fund was a partnership. When the predecessor mutual fund was a partnership, it charged investors a 1% annual management fee and a 20% performance fee. The predecessor mutual fund did not charge a performance fee. If the predecessor limited partnership had been charged the same fees and expenses as the predecessor mutual fund, the annual returns for the predecessor limited partnership would have been higher. From its inception through April 30, 2012, the predecessor limited partnership was not subject to certain investment restrictions, diversification requirements and other restrictions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which if they had been applicable, might have adversely affected its performance. The Fund has only adopted the financial statements of the predecessor mutual fund since it has been a registered investment company and not its financial statements as an unregistered partnership. Annual performance returns provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in performance from year to year. Comparison of performance to an appropriate index indicates how the Fund's, the predecessor mutual fund's and the predecessor limited partnership's average annual returns compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. The predecessor mutual fund's and the predecessor limited partnership's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## INVESTMENT RISKS

The investment strategies employed by the Fund are alternative strategies that have not been applied to mutual funds for an extended period of time. Accordingly, the Fund is subject to the risk that anticipated opportunities do not play out as planned, or that there are unexpected challenges in implementing the Fund's strategies due to regulatory constraints for mutual funds.

Equity investments entail equity risk and price-volatility risk. The value of stocks and other equity securities may change based on changes in a company's financial condition and in overall market and economic conditions. Funds investing in mid-cap companies involve special risks including higher volatility and lower liquidity.

As the writer of an index call option, the Fund forgoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the index covering the call option above the exercise price of the call option. Since the Fund's investment strategy does not contemplate investing in or replicating a particular index, the Fund will not profit from increases in market value of a particular index. Therefore, selling index call options also can limit the Fund's opportunity to profit from an increase in the market value of the Stock Portfolio; however, only to the extent that the Stock Portfolio correlates with the index underlying the call option written by the Fund.

As part of its investment strategy, the Fund sells index call options to hedge the Stock Portfolio. There is the risk that the returns of the Stock Portfolio do not correlate with those of the indexes on which the call options are written. Further, the Sub-Adviser may not correctly assess the degree of correlation between the performance of the basket of indexes used in the hedging strategy and the performance of the equity securities in the Stock Portfolio being hedged. It is also not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against any risk, and hedging entails its own costs.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Index Option** – An index option is the same as an equity or stock option, except the underlying asset is an index instead of a stock. Just like an equity call option, an index call option is the right to buy the underlying index. And just like an equity put option, an index put option is the right to sell the underlying index. Index options are cash settled, whereas individual stock options are settled using the underlying stock. **Option Premium** – The income received by an investor who sells or “writes” an option contract to another party. **Exercise Price** – The price at which the underlying security can be purchased (call option) or sold (put option). The exercise price is determined at the time the option contract is formed. **Alpha** – A measure of active return on investment in excess of benchmark index. **Beta** – The sensitivity of a stock (portfolio) to the market (benchmark) in the capital asset pricing model. It is comprised of the volatility of a stock and its correlation with the market (benchmark). **Standard Deviation** – A measure of dispersion that indicates the way the returns are centered about the mean return. **Sharpe Ratio** – The Sharpe Ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate, such as that of the 3-month U.S. Treasury Bill, from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the annualized standard deviation of the monthly portfolio returns.

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