



STEWARD COVERED CALL INCOME FUND

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Institutional Shares

Steward Covered Call Income Fund - Institutional	
Ticker	SCJIX
Inception Date	12/14/2017
Prospectus Dated	8/28/2022
Prospectus Expense Ratio	Gross 1.61% Net 1.00%
Primary Benchmark	CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index

Top 10 Holdings

Microsoft Corp.	4.52%
Apple, Inc.	4.29%
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.68%
Tesla, Inc.	2.46%
Alphabet, Inc. Class C	2.17%
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	2.15%
Alphabet, Inc. Class A	1.84%
Coca-Cola Co.	1.79%
Exxon Mobil Corp.	1.77%
Pepsico, Inc.	1.76%
Total % of Portfolio	26.44%

Markets and Performance

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Steward Covered Call Income Fund (the Fund) outperformed its primary benchmark (the CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index: BXM) by +383 basis points, returning -3.76% and -7.59%, respectively. Additionally, the total return for the S&P 500 Index (to which the long stock portfolio of the Fund is optimized) for the same period was -4.88%, which the Fund outperformed by +112 basis points. Reminiscent of the last month of calendar Q2 2022, the S&P 500 again entered bear market territory in the last month of this past quarter – dashing hopes that the strong start to Q3 in July and first half of August could avoid classification as a “bear market rally”. The low for Q3 2022 was put in on its last day, bringing the YTD drawdown for the S&P 500 to -23.87%.

Positive and Negative Contributors to Performance

For the quarter, our call overwriting activities added more than approximately 120 basis points to quarterly performance relative to the S&P 500. Our cash holdings were a positive contributor to relative performance in the down quarter, while our long stock portfolio was a net drag on relative performance against the S&P 500. In the long equity portfolio, sectors contributing the most to relative quarterly performance against the S&P 500 were health care (underweight), consumer discretionary (overweight), and energy (overweight); sectors detracting most from relative performance were industrials (overweight), information technology (underweight), and communication services (overweight).

Equity holdings contributing the most to relative quarterly performance were Netflix (NFLX, 0.56% of total net assets), ConocoPhillips (COP, 0.95% of total net assets), and Starbucks (SBUX, 1.06% of total net assets). Equity holdings detracting the most from relative performance were FedEx (FDX, 0.40% of total net assets), Charter Communications (CHTR, 0.36% of total net assets), and Adobe, Inc. (ADBE, 1.07% of total net assets). When considering the values-based screens we apply, the net impact for the Fund by not owning the screened-out companies was a slightly positive +9 basis points with a majority of this impact coming from our Abortion and Embryonic Stem Cell Research screens.

The net expense ratio reflects a contractual commitment by the Fund's investment adviser to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses through August 27, 2023. Absent the waiver and/or reimbursement, expenses would be higher and total returns would be less. Please see the prospectus for details.

Looking Ahead

The combination of high inflation, sharply rising interest rates, growing recession risks, and rising geopolitical tensions will most certainly keep volatility front and certain as we enter the final quarter of the year. Corporate earnings results will start to hit the street in October. Despite high inflation and lingering supply chain issues, the majority of Q2 earnings beat estimates and were holding up much better than expected. Could we potentially see a replay with Q3 results? Let us hope for a less-aggressive Fed and resilient corporate earnings entering the fourth quarter. The Crossmark team will continue to look for trading opportunities on the option overlay with the goal of increasing income through call option premiums and reducing overall volatility.

Performance	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception
Steward Covered Call Income Fund - Institutional	-3.76%	-17.33%	-11.47%	4.45%	4.86%
S&P 500	-4.88%	-23.87%	-15.47%	8.16%	8.39%
CBOE S&P 500 Buy/Write BXM	-7.59%	-17.01%	-11.21%	0.48%	1.54%

Index returns shown assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

Our Firm

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Options are not suitable for every investor. Writing call options to generate income and to potentially hedge against market declines by generating option premiums involves risk. If the market price of a security increases, a call option written against that security limits the gain that can be realized. And, there can be significant differences between the securities and options markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets, causing a given transaction not to achieve its objectives.

The Fund's values-based screening policies exclude certain securities issuers from the universe of otherwise available investments. As a result, the Fund may not achieve the same level of performance as it otherwise would have in the absence of the screening process. If the Fund has invested in a company that is later discovered to be in violation of one or more screening criteria and liquidation of an investment in that company is required, selling the securities at issue could result in a loss to the Fund. Further, the Fund's values-based screening policies may prevent the Fund from participating in an otherwise suitable investment opportunity.

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