



# FPA Queens Road Value Fund

## Third Quarter 2022 Commentary

You should consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses carefully before you invest. The Prospectus details the Fund's objective and policies and other matters of interest to a prospective investor. Please read the Prospectus carefully before investing. The Prospectus may be obtained by visiting the website at [www.fpa.com](http://www.fpa.com), by calling toll-free, 1-800-982-4372, or by contacting the Fund in writing.

### Average Annual Total Returns (%)\*

#### Trailing Performance (%)

As of Date: 9/30/2022	Inception	20 Years	15 Years	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	YTD	QTD
<b>FPA Queens Road Value</b>	7.59	8.18	5.92	9.41	6.28	5.27	-14.22	-20.77	-4.78
<b>S&amp;P 500 Value Index</b>	7.37	8.75	5.77	9.63	6.17	5.11	-9.63	-16.56	-5.82

Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. This data represents past performance and investors should understand that investment returns and principal values fluctuate, so that when you redeem your investment it may be worth more or less than its original cost. Current month-end performance data, which may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted, may be obtained at [www.fpa.com](http://www.fpa.com) or by calling toll-free, 1-800-982-4372.

The FPA Queens Road Value Fund ("Fund") commenced operations on June 13, 2002. Periods greater than one year are annualized. Fund performance is shown net of all fees and expenses and includes reinvestment of all distributions. Fund performance does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares, which would lower these figures. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

\* Prior to November 1, 2020, the performance shown reflects the historical performance of the Fund when Bragg Financial Advisors, Inc. ("BFA") served as investment adviser of the Fund. Effective November 1, 2020, FPA became the investment adviser of the Fund and BFA transitioned to serving as the sub-adviser. BFA continues to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund, subject to FPA's oversight. No changes to the Fund's principal investment strategies were made in connection with these changes in management of the Fund, and Steve Scruggs, CFA, Director of Research and Senior Portfolio Manager for BFA, continues to serve as the portfolio manager for the Fund.

From inception of the Fund to December 31, 2004, BFA and its affiliates voluntarily absorbed certain expenses of the Fund and voluntarily waived its management fee. Had BFA not done this, returns would have been lower during that period. Effective January 1, 2005 through October 31, 2020, BFA charged a single unitary management fee and contractually agreed to pay all operating expenses of the Fund except for brokerage, taxes, interest, litigation expenses, and other extraordinary expenses.

The Fund's Total Annual Operating Expenses (as of the most recent prospectus) before reimbursement is 1.69%. The adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for operating expenses in excess of 0.65% of average net assets of the Fund, excluding interest, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions payable by the Fund in connection with the purchase or sale of portfolio securities, fees and expenses of other funds in which the Fund invests, and extraordinary expenses, including litigation expenses not incurred in the Fund's ordinary course of business, until October 31, 2023. These expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment by the adviser from the Fund in future years (within the three years from the date when the amount is waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limits or the then current expense limits. This agreement may be terminated only by the Fund's Board of Trustees, upon written notice to the adviser. Prior to November 1, 2020, the Fund had a unitized fee structure that limited annual operating expenses to 0.95%.

*Market Cycle* reflects the most recent market cycle (peak to peak) defined as a period that contains a decline of at least 20% from the previous market peak over at least a two-month period and a rebound to establish a new peak above the previous one by Russell 2000 Value Index. The current cycle is ongoing and thus is presented through the most recent quarter-end. Once the cycle closes, the results presented may differ materially.

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Dear Fellow Shareholders,

FPA Queens Road Value Fund (“Fund”) returned -4.78% for the third quarter of 2022. This compares to the S&P 500 Value Index return of -5.82% for the same period. For the 12 months ended September 30, 2022, the Fund returned -14.22% vs -9.63% for the S&P 500 Value Index.

For the 12 months ending September 30, 2022, the Fund’s performance was negatively impacted by our lack of exposure to energy companies which were up over 40% during the period and by poor performance of portfolio holdings T. Rowe Price, Intel, Oracle, and JP Morgan Chase<sup>1</sup> This was offset by strong performance from healthcare holdings Merck and Elevance (formerly Anthem) as well as industrial General Dynamics, one of the Fund’s largest holdings.

As we compare the stock price performance with the fundamental performance of the Fund’s companies, we are very optimistic that the companies we are invested in will be worth more in 3-5 years than they are today. Taking a long-term view has served us well in the past and we are confident that our disciplined and patient approach will continue to be rewarded over the long-term.

### Trailing 12-Month Contributors and Detractors<sup>2</sup>

Contributors	Performance Contribution	Percent of Portfolio	Detractors	Performance Contribution	Percent of Portfolio
<b>TTM</b>					
Elevance Health	1.29%	6.2%	T. Rowe Price	-1.91%	3.3%
Merck	0.51%	3.2%	Intel	-1.91%	3.2%
General Dynamics	0.45%	4.9%	Oracle	-1.61%	5.3%
Pfizer	0.06%	4.3%	JPMorgan Chase	-1.37%	3.4%
Signet Jewelers	0.05%	0.0%	Cisco Systems	-1.07%	4.6%
	<b>2.36%</b>	<b>18.7%</b>		<b>-7.87%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>

Market sentiment during the third quarter remained consistent with the first six months of 2022 with concerns over inflation, Federal Reserve (“Fed”) policy, and the conflict in Ukraine dominating the financial news headlines.<sup>3</sup> As the labor market remains tight, inflation stubbornly high, and the Fed remaining resolute in hiking interest rates to bring inflation down, markets continued to be volatile and overall investment sentiment remains negative.<sup>4</sup>

As we look at the Fund’s portfolio holdings, we are more optimistic than we have been in quite some time. In our view, valuations appear more attractive than we have seen in quite some time. As we have said in the past, we believe when there is exuberance in the markets, it is usually overdone. Similarly, when markets get volatile and the pundits predict doom and gloom, it is usually overdone as well. If you have read our past commentaries, you will know that we are no Pollyanna. Rather our experience in the market over multiple market cycles has taught us this. We acknowledge the heightened uncertainty as well as the headwinds the economy faces but as we go through the portfolio, given the current valuations of the Fund’s holdings and our

<sup>1</sup> Source: Factset. Energy companies are represented by the S&P 500 Energy sector and are those that engage in exploration & production, refining & marketing and storage & transportation of oil & gas and coal & consumable fuels. It also includes companies that offer oil & gas equipment and services.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects the top five contributors and detractors to the Fund’s performance based on contribution to return for the trailing twelve months (“TTM”). Contribution is presented gross of investment management fees, transactions costs, and Fund operating expenses, which if included, would reduce the returns presented. The information provided does not reflect all positions purchased, sold or recommended during the quarter. A copy of the methodology used and a list of every holding’s contribution to the overall Fund’s performance during the TTM is available by contacting FPA Client Service at [crm@fpa.com](mailto:crm@fpa.com). It should not be assumed that recommendations made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities listed.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Bloomberg

<sup>4</sup> Source: YCharts, US Investor Sentiment, % Bullish; [https://ycharts.com/indicators/us\\_investor\\_sentiment\\_bullish](https://ycharts.com/indicators/us_investor_sentiment_bullish)

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long-term prospects for them, based on their fundamentals, we feel more positive about the portfolio than we have in several years.

Respectfully,

Steve Scruggs, CFA  
Portfolio Manager  
November 1, 2022

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Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund. References to individual securities or sectors are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as recommendations by the Fund, the portfolio manager, the Adviser, the Sub-Adviser or the distributor. It should not be assumed that future investments will be profitable or will equal the performance of the security or sector examples discussed. The portfolio holdings as of the most recent quarter-end may be obtained at [www.fpa.com](http://www.fpa.com).

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The reader is advised that the Fund's investment strategy includes active management with corresponding changes in allocations from one period of time to the next. Therefore, any data with respect to investment allocations as of a given date is of limited use and may not be reflective of the portfolio manager's more general views with respect to proper geographic, instrument and /or sector allocations. The data is presented for indicative purposes only and, as a result, may not be relied upon for any purposes whatsoever.

In making any investment decision, you must rely on your own examination of the Fund, including the risks involved in an investment. Investments mentioned herein may not be suitable for all recipients and in each case, potential investors are advised not to make any investment decision unless they have taken independent advice from an appropriately authorized advisor. An investment in any security mentioned herein does not guarantee a positive return as securities are subject to market risks, including the potential loss of principal. You should not construe the contents of this document as legal, tax, investment or other advice or recommendations.

Fund performance presented is calculated on a total return basis, which includes the reinvestment of all income, plus realized and unrealized gains/losses, if applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, performance results are presented on a net of fees basis and reflect the deduction of, among other things: management fees, brokerage commissions, operating and administrative expenses, and accrued performance

fee/allocation, if applicable.

The information provided in this presentation is based upon data existing as of the date(s) of the report and has not been audited or reviewed. While we believe the information to be accurate, it is subject in all respects to adjustments that may be made after proper review and reconciliation.

Investments, including mutual fund investments, carry risks and investors may lose principal value. Capital markets are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. Small and mid-cap stocks involve greater risks and they can fluctuate in price more than larger company stocks. Short-selling involves increased risks and transaction costs. You risk paying more for a security than you received from its sale. Groups of stocks, such as value and growth, go in and out of favor which may cause certain funds to underperform other equity funds. The value of an individual security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently than the value of the market as a whole.

The prices of securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events taking place around the world, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by the Fund. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, pandemics, epidemics, terrorism, regulatory events and governmental or quasi-governmental actions. There is a risk that you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

Value style investing presents the risk that the holdings or securities may never reach their full market value because the market fails to recognize what the portfolio management team considers the true business value or because the portfolio management team has misjudged those values. In addition, value style investing may fall out of favor and underperform growth or other styles of investing during given periods.

Please refer to the **Fund's Prospectus** for a complete overview of the primary risks associated with the Fund.

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### **Index / Benchmark / Category Definitions**

The Fund will typically be less diversified than the indices noted herein and may hold non-index securities or securities that are not comparable to those contained in an index. Indices will hold positions that are not within the Fund's investment strategy. Indices are unmanaged and do not reflect any commissions, transaction costs, or fees and expenses which would be incurred by an investor purchasing the underlying securities and which would reduce the performance in an actual account. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The **S&P 500 Value Index** is a market cap-weighted index. The value factors used to determine a stock's value score are book value to price ratio, cash flow to price ratio, sales to price ratio and dividend yield. S&P Style Indices divide the complete market capitalization of each parent index into growth and value segments. Constituents are drawn from the S&P 500.