

# Alger Capital Appreciation Portfolio

## Summary Prospectus

May 1, 2021

**Class**  
I-2

**Ticker Symbol**  
ALVOX

Before you invest, you may want to review the Portfolio's Prospectus, which contains more information about the Portfolio and its risks. You can find the Portfolio's Prospectus, reports to shareholders, and other information about the Portfolio online at [www.alger.com](http://www.alger.com). You can also get this information at no cost by calling (800) 992-3863 or by sending an e-mail request to [summaryprospectus@alger.com](mailto:summaryprospectus@alger.com). The Portfolio's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated May 1, 2021, are incorporated by reference to this Summary Prospectus, and may be obtained at no cost in the same manner as described above.

### Investment Objective

Alger Capital Appreciation Portfolio seeks long-term capital appreciation.

### Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Portfolio. The table does not reflect fees, expenses, or charges that may be imposed by qualified pension or retirement plans or under variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies. If it did, the fees would be higher. Please refer to your variable annuity contract or your variable life insurance policy (the "Contract") prospectus for information on these fees associated with your Contract.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

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None

#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

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Advisory Fees*	.81%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses	.12%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	.93%

\* The Portfolio and Fred Alger Management, LLC (the "Manager") have adopted fee breakpoints for the Portfolio. The advisory fee for assets up to \$2 billion is .81%, for assets between \$2 billion and \$3 billion is .65%, for assets between \$3 billion and \$4 billion is .60%, for assets between \$4 billion and \$5 billion is .55%, and for assets in excess of \$5 billion is .45%. The actual rate paid as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended December 31, 2020 was .81%.

### Example

The following example, which reflects the shareholder fees and operating expenses listed above, is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in Class I-2 shares of the Portfolio for the time periods indicated, that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. The example does not reflect fees, expenses, or charges that may be imposed by the separate accounts of life insurance companies or qualified pension or retirement plans. If it did, the expenses would be higher. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions you would pay the following expenses whether or not you redeemed your shares at the end of each period:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class I-2	\$95	\$296	\$515	\$1,143

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's turnover rate was 89.91% of the average value of its portfolio.

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**Principal Investment Strategy**

The Manager believes companies undergoing Positive Dynamic Change offer the best investment opportunities. Positive Dynamic Change refers to companies realizing High Unit Volume Growth or companies undergoing Positive Lifecycle Change. High Unit Volume Growth companies are traditional growth companies experiencing, for example, rapidly growing demand or market dominance. Positive Lifecycle Change companies are, for example, companies benefitting from new regulations, a new product innovation or new management.

Under normal market circumstances, the Portfolio invests at least 85% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of companies of any market capitalization that the Manager believes demonstrate promising growth potential. Equity securities include common or preferred stocks that are listed on U.S. or foreign exchanges.

The Portfolio may sell a stock when it reaches a target price, it fails to perform as expected, or other opportunities appear more attractive.

The Portfolio may invest a significant portion of its assets in securities of companies conducting business within a single sector, including the information technology, consumer discretionary, and healthcare sectors.

The Portfolio can invest in foreign securities.

**Principal Risks**

An investment in the Portfolio involves risks. The Portfolio's share price may go down, which means you could lose money. An investment in the Portfolio is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The following is a summary description of principal risks involved in investing in the Portfolio.

**Investment Risk** – An investment in the Portfolio is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest.

**Market Risk** – Your investment in Portfolio shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Portfolio. The value of these securities, like other investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Your Portfolio shares at any point in time may be worth less than what you invested, even after taking into account the reinvestment of Portfolio dividends and distributions. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the Portfolio and its investments.

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus designated as COVID-19 was first detected in China in December 2019 and subsequently spread internationally. The transmission of COVID-19 and efforts to contain its spread have resulted in, among other things, border closings and other significant travel restrictions and disruptions; significant disruptions to business operations, supply chains and customer activity; lower consumer demand for goods and services; significant job losses and increasing unemployment; event cancellations and restrictions; service cancellations, reductions and other changes; significant challenges in healthcare service preparation and delivery; prolonged quarantines; as well as general concern and uncertainty that has negatively affected the economic environment. The impact of this outbreak and any other epidemic or pandemic that may arise in the future could adversely affect the economies of many nations or the entire global economy and the financial performance of individual issuers, sectors, industries, asset classes, and markets in significant and unforeseen ways. Although the Federal Reserve has taken a number of actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on U.S. markets and institutions, including decreasing interest rates and implementing a variety of emergency stimulus measures, these actions may not succeed or have the intended effect. This crisis or other public health crises may also exacerbate other pre-existing political, social, economic, market and financial risks. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty. The foregoing could result in significant market volatility, exchange trading suspensions and closures, declines in global financial markets, higher default rates and a substantial economic downturn or recession. Such impacts could impair the Portfolio's ability to maintain operational standards (such as with respect to satisfying redemption requests), disrupt the operations of the Portfolio's service providers, adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Portfolio's investments and negatively impact the Portfolio's performance and your investment in the Portfolio.

**Equity Securities Risk** – As with any fund that invests in stocks, your investment will fluctuate in value, and the loss of your investment is a risk of investing. The Portfolio's price per share will fluctuate due to changes in the market prices of its investments. Also, the Portfolio's investments may not grow as fast as the rate of inflation and stocks tend to be more volatile than some other investments you could make, such as bonds.

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**Growth Stocks Risk** – Prices of growth stocks tend to be higher in relation to their companies' earnings and may be more sensitive to market, political and economic developments than other stocks, making their prices more volatile. An investment in the Portfolio may be better suited to investors who seek long-term capital growth and can tolerate fluctuations in their investment's value.

**Sector Risk** – The Portfolio may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of companies conducting business within a single sector. Companies in the same sector may be similarly affected by economic, regulatory, political or market events or conditions, which may make the Portfolio more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in that sector than a fund that has a more diversified portfolio. Generally, the more broadly the Portfolio invests, the more it spreads risk and potentially reduces the risks of loss and volatility.

- **Technology Companies Risk** – The Portfolio may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of technology-related companies. Therefore, the Portfolio may be more susceptible to particular risks that may affect companies in the information technology sector and technology-related sectors than if it were invested in a wider variety of companies in unrelated sectors. At times, the performance of such companies will lag the performance of other industries or the broader market as a whole. Certain technology related companies may face special risks that their products or services may not prove to be commercially successful. Technology related companies are also strongly affected by worldwide scientific or technological developments. As a result, their products may rapidly become obsolete. Such companies are also often subject to governmental regulation and may, therefore, be adversely affected by governmental policies. These factors may lead to limited earnings and/or failing profit margins. As a result, the value of technology related companies' securities may fall or fail to rise. Many technology related companies' securities have historically been more volatile than other securities, especially over the short term.
- **Healthcare Companies Risk** – The Portfolio may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities of healthcare companies. At times, the performance of healthcare companies will lag the performance of other industries or the broader market as a whole, and the performance of such companies may be more volatile. Healthcare companies may also be significantly affected by intense competition, aggressive pricing, government regulation, technological innovations, product obsolescence, patent considerations, product compatibility and consumer preferences.
- **Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk** – The consumer discretionary sector may be affected by changes in domestic and international economies, exchange and interest rates, competition, consumers' disposable income, consumer preferences, social trends and marketing campaigns.

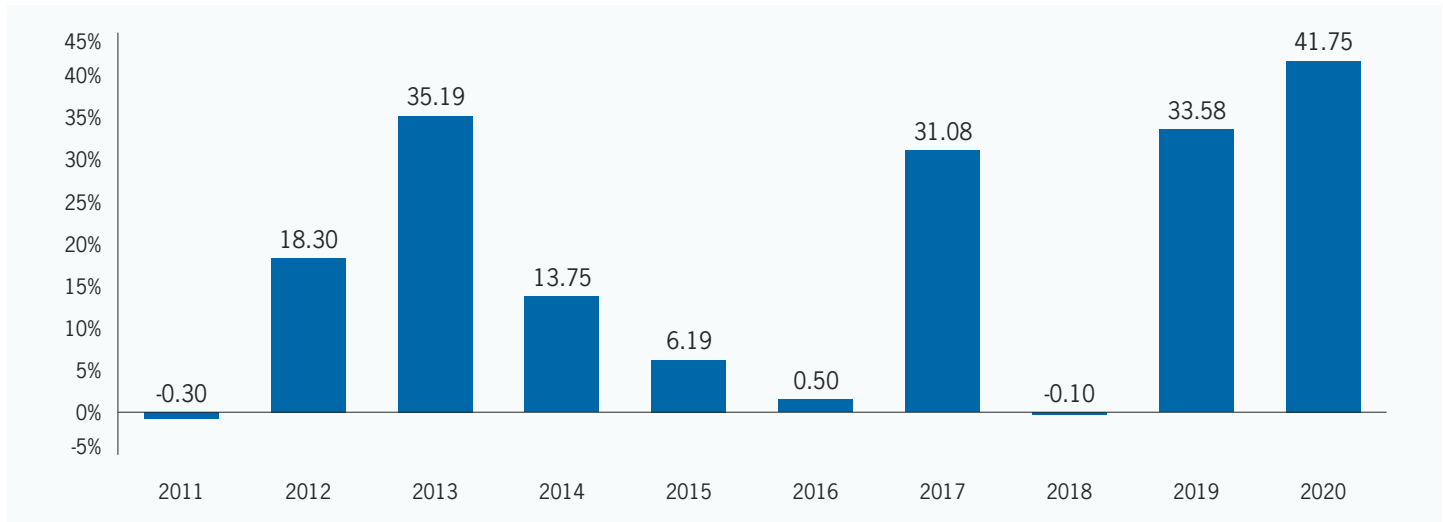
**Foreign Securities Risk** – The Portfolio's performance will be influenced by political, social and economic factors affecting investments in foreign companies. Special risks associated with investments in foreign companies include exposure to currency fluctuations, lack of liquidity, potential for market manipulation, less developed or less efficient trading markets, limited access to reliable capital, lack of comprehensive company information, political instability, differing audit, regulatory, and legal standards and lack of financial reporting standards.

**Performance**

The following bar chart and the table beneath it provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing changes in the Portfolio's performance from year to year and by showing how the Portfolio's average annual returns for the indicated periods compare with those of an appropriate benchmark of market performance. The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an index of common stocks designed to track performance of large capitalization companies with greater than average growth orientation. The performance numbers do not reflect fees, expenses, or charges that may be imposed by qualified pension or retirement plans or under variable annuity contracts or variable life insurance policies. If they did, the performance numbers would be lower. Remember that the Portfolio's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on the Portfolio's website [www.alger.com](http://www.alger.com).

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**Annual Total Return for Class I-2 Shares as of December 31 (%)****Best Quarter:** Q2 2020 27.98%**Worst Quarter:** Q4 2018 -15.49%**Average Annual Total Return as of December 31, 2020**

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Inception Date
<b>Class I-2</b>	41.75%	20.04%	16.98%	1/25/95
<b>Russell 1000 Growth Index</b> (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes)	38.49%	21.00%	17.21%	

**Management**

Investment Manager	Portfolio Managers Jointly and Primarily Responsible for Day-to-Day Management of the Portfolio
<b>Fred Alger Management, LLC</b>	<b>Dan C. Chung, CFA</b> Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager Since February 2021
	<b>Patrick Kelly, CFA</b> Executive Vice President, Head of Alger Capital Appreciation and Spectra Strategies and Portfolio Manager Since September 2004
	<b>Ankur Crawford, Ph.D.</b> Executive Vice President and Portfolio Manager From June 2015 to February 2021; and From March 2021 to Present

When a Portfolio is co-managed, the responsibilities of such portfolio managers may be shared, divided or otherwise assigned based on various factors including, but not limited to, level of Portfolio assets to be managed, their overall experience, their sector expertise, and such other factors as the Manager believes is most efficient and effective. In all cases, each portfolio manager collaborates with the other portfolio manager(s) and analysts to develop overall strategy, outlook, and themes, which impact industry, sector and security allocations in the Portfolio. Responsibilities amongst portfolio managers may be fully or partially allocated to one of the portfolio managers for the purposes of day-to-day portfolio management and stock selection, implementation of trades, strategic and performance oversight, risk management, or oversight of guidelines; whether externally driven or internally developed by the Manager.

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**Shareholder Information****Purchasing and Redeeming Shares**

Because the Portfolio is an investment vehicle for variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of life insurance companies, as well as qualified pension or retirement plans, an individual cannot invest in the Portfolio directly, but may do so only through one of these sources. The Portfolio shares are held in the names of the separate accounts and plans. The minimum initial investment for the separate accounts and plans is generally \$500,000.

**Tax Information**

If you have invested through the separate account of a life insurance company or through a qualified pension or retirement plan, please consult the Prospectus or other information provided to you by your participating life insurance company or qualified pension or retirement plan regarding the federal income taxation of your policy or plan.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries**

If you purchase the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or insurance company), the Portfolio and/or the Manager or the Portfolio's distributor may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your financial professional or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

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