# **Fund Commentary**



## **Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund**

Tickers A: ITHAX C: HCACX F: HCAFX I: ITHIX R3: ITHRX R4: ITHSX R5: ITHTX R6: ITHVX Y: HCAYX Morningstar® Category Large Blend Inception Date 7/22/96

#### **Market Overview**

US equities surged over the quarter. Volatility soared and stocks sank to their lowest level of the year on April 8 after President Donald Trump's "reciprocal" tariffs were steeper than markets anticipated, fueling fears of a sharp slowdown in economic growth and higher inflation. However, stocks rebounded after the government softened its trade stance by pausing tariffs for 90 days while it negotiated new trade agreements.

### **Performance Summary**

- Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund (I Share) underperformed the Russell 3000 Index during the quarter.
- Security selection drove relative underperformance, as weak selection in the consumer discretionary and industrials sectors was only partially offset by stronger selection in the consumer staples and energy sectors.
- Sector allocation, a result of the portfolio's bottom-up stock-selection process, contributed
  to relative results. Allocation effect was driven by our underweights to healthcare and
  energy. This was partially offset by our overweight to financials and underweight to
  industrials, which detracted from relative performance.
- The impact from style was negative this quarter, driven by the Fund's exposure to lower-beta\* names and underweight exposure to names with heightened volatility. This was partially offset by the Fund's underweight exposure to stocks with more financial leverage and overweight exposure to value names, which contributed to relative results.
- The top relative detractors from performance during the quarter included our overweight positions in UnitedHealth Group (healthcare) and Marsh & McLennan (financials).

## **Positioning & Outlook**

- Optimism around trade deals in the second quarter drove a strong rebound in US equity markets, as investors hope that these deals will mitigate any potential negative impacts from the tariffs implemented earlier in the year. Despite the strong recovery across markets, we are mindful of the potential for increased volatility as investors navigate ongoing geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty. We believe this environment presents fundamental stock pickers with attractive opportunities to capitalize on potential pricing inefficiencies. Our focus remains committed to comprehensive risk management and strategically allocating across different managers and styles to provide diversified opportunities in various market areas.
- At the end of the period the largest overweights were to the financials and materials sectors, while the largest underweights were to the industrials and healthcare sectors, relative to the benchmark.

#### Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

Thomas S. Simon, CFA, 24 years Veenu Ramchandani, CFA, 19 years

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Percentage Of Portfolio	35.01
American Express Co.	1.46
Visa, Inc.	1.54
Eli Lilly & Co.	1.55
Meta Platforms, Inc.	2.33
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.24
Broadcom, Inc.	3.70
Alphabet, Inc.	3.94
Apple, Inc.	4.50
NVIDIA Corp.	6.21
Microsoft Corp.	6.54

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

**<sup>\*</sup>Beta** is a measure of risk that indicates the price sensitivity of a security or a portfolio relative to a specified market index.

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

							,	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	8.82	1.95	10.52	15.13	11.79	9.82	11.95	1.05%	1.05%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	_	_	4.44	12.98	10.53	9.20	11.73	_	_
F	8.89	2.12	10.88	15.53	12.18	10.20	12.19	0.70%	0.70%
1	8.89	2.07	10.79	15.44	12.09	10.12	12.16	0.79%	0.79%
R3	8.71	1.75	10.07	14.70	11.38	9.44	11.92	1.42%	1.42%
R4	8.80	1.91	10.44	15.07	11.73	9.78	12.14	1.10%	1.10%
R5	8.88	2.06	10.75	15.41	12.06	10.10	12.36	0.80%	0.80%
R6	8.89	2.12	10.88	15.53	12.18	10.21	12.43	0.70%	0.70%
Υ	8.88	2.08	10.74	15.41	12.07	10.15	12.41	0.81%	0.81%
Benchmark	10.99	5.75	15.30	19.08	15.96	12.96	_	_	_
Morningstar Category	9.94	5.74	13.30	17.55	15.14	12.05	_	_	_

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Share Class Inception: A, Y - 7/22/96; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06; R6 - 11/7/14. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 7/22/96. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest US companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the investable US equity market. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

Important Risks: Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Security prices fluctuate in value depending on general market and economic conditions and the prospects of individual companies. • The securities of large market capitalization companies may underperform other segments of the market. • Mid-cap securities can have greater risks and volatility than large-cap securities. • The Fund's strategy for allocating assets among portfolio management teams may not work as intended. • To the extent the Fund focuses on one or more sectors, the Fund may be subject to increased volatility and risk of loss if adverse developments occur. • The value of securities selected using quantitative analysis can perform differently from the market as a whole or from their expected performance.

Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in a fund's full prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting hartfordfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Expenses are the total annual operating expenses from the Fund's most recent prospectus at the time of publication.