

# An Evolutionary Step Forward

for Active and Passive Investing

# **Why Avantis Investors?**

We take common-sense investment principles and incorporate the latest academic research to build investment strategies designed to improve outcomes for investors.



### **Powered by Financial Science**

Our strategies share a common investment approach that combines a philosophy based on financial science with expert implementation aimed at increasing expected returns and managing risks.



### **Decades of Real-World Experience**

The leadership team has decades of experience delivering repeatable and effective investment solutions across geographies and through different market cycles. The team is well recognized by investors worldwide.



### **Choice of Optimal Investment Vehicles**

Our goal is to deliver low-cost, broadly diversified solutions in mutual fund, Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) and separate account formats so that financial professionals and investors can choose the optimal vehicle to fit their clients' circumstances.



# Built on a Solid Foundation with a Unique Purpose

Avantis Investors is backed by American Century Investments," a \$202 billion\* asset manager with a reputation for client care, stewardship and stability—bringing great scale to our efforts and allowing long-term focus.

\*As of 12/31/2022

# **Built Around One Investment Philosophy**

We believe market prices represent an unbiased view of a company's prospects and risks and that paying lower prices for our share of future cash flows should produce higher expected returns.

#### **Financial Science Lays the Foundation**

Our investment process is based on an academically supported, market-tested framework that aims to identify securities with higher expected returns based on their current market prices and other company financial information.

#### **Process Designed for Consistency**

As part of our portfolio management and trading processes, we analyze whether the benefits of a trade overcome its associated costs and risks. We seek to methodically harness return premiums while managing implementation costs and aiming to mitigate portfolio risks to generate enhanced returns over time.

#### **Enable Investors to Build Customized Asset Allocations**

All Avantis Investors strategies use the same academically sound risk/return framework uniquely designed for Avantis Investors. We use our understanding of investors' needs to deliver transparent investment strategies that work well inside a broader asset allocation.

#### **Cost Conscious**

Scalable, efficient portfolio construction and engineering allows for broadly diversified solutions with low rebalancing costs, capital gains and fees. We expect to pass these savings on to our investors through lower management fees.

## **Leadership Team**

The leadership team is well recognized by professional investors around the globe. They have decades of experience delivering repeatable and effective investment solutions over many market cycles.



#### Eduardo Repetto, Ph.D.

**Chief Investment Officer** 

Eduardo is responsible for directing the research, design and implementation of our investment strategies, providing oversight of the investment team and the firm's marketing initiatives and interacting with clients. He is former co-Chief Executive Officer and co-Chief Investment Officer of Dimensional Fund Advisors and holds a doctorate in Aeronautics from the California Institute of Technology, a Master of Science degree in Engineering from Brown University, and a Diploma de Honor in Civil Engineering from the Universidad de Buenos Aires. Eduardo is a Trustee of the California Institute of Technology.



#### Pat Keating, CFA, CPA

**Chief Operating Officer** 

Pat leads the firm's marketing and client service functions. He also oversees day to day business operations and is heavily involved in setting the strategic direction for Avantis. Pat was formerly Chief Operating Officer of Dimensional Fund Advisors and was Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Director of Assante Capital Management as it became a public company. Pat holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Winnipeg, Canada. He is a CPA (Canada), a CFA Charterholder and member of the CFA Institute.

# **Investment Team**



Senior Portfolio Manager Industry Start: 2004



**Mitchell Firestein** 

Senior Portfolio Manager

Industry Start: 2005

Ted Randall

Senior Portfolio Manager Industry Start: 1996



**Mitchell Handa** 









Chief Investment Strategist Industry Start: 2006



Senior Portfolio Manager





Matthew Dubin

Portfolio Manager Industry Start: 2017



# **Our Strategies**

Avantis Investors offers a suite of low cost, highly diversified investment solutions.

# Equity

Responsible U.S. Equity		-	ed to invest in responsible compar Ilocation while simultaneously incr	-	• •
ETF Ticker AVSU	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark Russell 3000 Index
U.S. Equity		-	ed to achieve broad diversificati apitalization companies we belie		-
ETF Ticker AVUS	Mutual Fund Ti AVUSX	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark Russell 3000 Index
U.S. Large (	Cap Equity	-	ed to invest in a broad set of U.S rns, trading at lower valuations w		elieve to have higher expect-
ETF Ticker AVLC	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark Russell 1000 Index
U.S. Large Cap Value		0	ed to invest in U.S. large-cap co at low valuations and with highe	•	igher expected returns,
ETF Ticker AVLV	Mutual Fund Ti AVLVX	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark Russell 1000 Value Index
U.S. Mid Ca	p Equity	-	ed to invest in a broad set of U.S higher expected returns trading		-
ETF Ticker AVMC	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.18%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.18%	<b>Benchmark</b> Russell Midcap® Index
U.S. Mid Ca	p Value	-	ed to invest in a broad set of U.S gher expected returns trading at		
ETF Ticker AVMV	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.20%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.20%	<b>Benchmark</b> Russell Midcap® Value Index
U.S. Small (	Cap Equity	-	ed to invest in a diverse group of n, profitability and levels of inves		-
ETF Ticker AVSC	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.25%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.25%	Benchmark Russell 2000 Index
U.S. Small Cap Value		trading	ed to invest in U.S. small-cap co at low valuations and with highe nies and industrial sectors in orde	r profitability ratios, seeking b	road diversification across
ETF Ticker AVUV	Mutual Fund Ti AVUVX	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.25%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.25%	Benchmark Russell 2000 Value Index

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# **Our Strategies** Equity

Inflation Focused Equity ETF		Designed to invest primarily in a diverse group of U.S. companies in market sectors and industry groups that historically have had, or that portfolio managers believe to have long-term correlation with inflation.				
ETF Ticker AVIE	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.25%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.25%	Benchmark Russell 3000 Index	
Responsibl Internation		Designed to invest in responsible companies across capitalization ranges in eligible developed markets, anchoring an equity allocation while simultaneously increasing expected returns over broad market benchmarks.				
ETF Ticker AVSD	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.23%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.23%	Benchmark MSCI World ex USA IMI Index (Net Dividends)	
International Equity		italizatio	ed to achieve broad diversificatio on companies across non-U.S. de to have higher expected returns.	eveloped countries, emphasizi		
ETF Ticker AVDE			Expense Ratio - Gross 0.23%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.23%	Benchmark MSCI World ex USA IMI Index (Net Dividends)	
International Large Cap Value		Designed to invest in non-U.S. developed large-cap companies with higher expected returns, trading at low valuations and with higher profitability ratios, seeking broad diversification across companies, industrial sectors and countries in order to mitigate concentration risk.				
ETF Ticker AVIV	Mutual Fund T N/A	icker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.25%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.25%	Benchmark MSCI World ex USA Value Index (Net Dividends)	
Internation Cap Equity	al Small	Invests in a broad set of non-U.S. developed small-cap companies, taking into consideration valuation, profitability and levels of investment when selecting and weighting securities.				
ETF Ticker AVDS	Mutual Fund Ti N/A	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.30%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.30%	Benchmark MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (Net Dividends)	
International Small Cap Value		Designed to invest in non-U.S. developed small-cap companies with higher expected returns, trading at low valuations and with higher profitability ratios, seeking broad diversification across companies, industrial sectors and countries in order to mitigate concentration risk.				
ETF Ticker AVDV	Mutual Fund Ti AVDVX	cker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.36%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.36%	Benchmark MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (Net Dividends)	
Responsible Emerging Market Equity		Designed to provide exposure to responsible companies across capitalization ranges in eligible emerging markets anchoring an equity allocation while simultaneously increasing expected returns over broad market benchmarks.				
ETF Ticker AVSE	ETF Ticker Mutual Fund Tic		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.33%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.33%	Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index (Net Dividends)	

\*The gross expense ratio is the fund's total annual operating costs, expressed as a percentage of the fund's average net assets for a given time period. It is gross of any fee waivers or expense reimbursement. The net expense ratio is the expense ratio after the application of any waivers or reimbursement. This is the actual ratio that investors paid during the fund's most recent fiscal year. Please see the prospectus for more information.

AVGE Avantis All Equity Markets ETF, AVGV Avantis All Equity Markets Value ETF, AVNM Avantis All International Markets Equity ETF, AVNV Avantis All International Markets Value ETF, EVMA Avantis Moderate Allocation ETF: Returns or yields for the fund would have been lower if .02% of the fund's management fee had not been waived. The advisor expects this waiver to continue until July 31, 2025, and cannot terminate it prior to such date without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Review the annual or semiannual report for the most current information.

# **Our Strategies** Equity

Emerging Markets Equity		Designed to invest in companies of all market capitalizations, across emerging market countries, sectors and industries, emphasizing those companies we believe to have higher expected returns.					
ETF Ticker AVEM			Expense Ratio - Gross 0.33%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.33%	Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index (Net Dividends)		
Emerging Markets ex-China Equity		sectors and ind	Designed to invest in companies of all market capitalizations, across emerging market countries, sectors and industries, excluding those domiciled in China, emphasizing those companies we believe to have higher expected returns.				
ETF Ticker AVXC	Mutual N/A	Fund Ticker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.33%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.33%	Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index (Net Dividends)		
Emerging Markets Value		Designed to invest in large-cap emerging markets companies we believe to have higher expect- ed returns, trading at low valuations and with higher profitability ratios, seeking broad diversifica- tion across companies and industrial sectors in order to mitigate concentration risk.					
ETF Ticker AVES	Mutual N/A	Fund Ticker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.36%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.36%	Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets Value IMI Index (Net Dividends)		
Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity		0	rest in a diverse group of small-c on valuation, profitability and leve				
ETF Ticker AVEE	Mutual N/A	Fund Ticker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.42%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.42%	Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index		

# **Global Equities**

All Equity Markets ETF		Designed to provide exposure to a broadly diversified set of companies, sectors and countries while emphasizing securities with higher expected returns. The strategy pursues its objectives through investing in a series of other Avantis exchange-traded funds (ETFs).				
	ETF TickerMutual Fund TickerAVGEN/A		Fund Ticker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.25%*	Expense Ratio - Net 0.23%	Benchmark MSCI ACWI IMI Index
All Equity Markets Value ETF		Designed to provide exposure to a broadly diversified set of companies, sectors and countries while focusing on securities we believe have higher expected returns – companies trading at lower valuations with higher profitability ratios. The strategy pursues its objective through investing in a series of other Avantis exchange-traded funds (ETFs).			trading at lower valuations	
	ETF Ticker Mutual Fund Ticker AVGV N/A		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.28%*	Expense Ratio - Net 0.26%	Benchmark MSCI ACWI IMI Value Index	

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# **Our Strategies**

# **Global ex U.S. Equities**

All International Markets Equity ETF		Designed to provide exposure to a broadly diversified set of companies and sectors across international developed and emerging market countries while focusing on securities with higher expected returns. The strategy pursues its objective through investing in a series of other Avantis exchange-traded funds (ETFs).				
	ETF Ticker Mutual Fund Ticker AVNM N/A		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.33%*	Expense Ratio - Net 0.31%	Benchmark MSCI ACWI ex-USA IMI Index	
All International Markets Value ETF		developed and e returns – compa	vide exposure to a broadly diversit merging market countries while for nies trading at lower valuations w n investing in a series of other Ava	ocusing on securities we believ ith higher profitability ratios. Th	ve have higher expected e strategy pursues its	
	ETF Ticker AVNV N/A		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.36%*	Expense Ratio - Net 0.34%	Benchmark MSCI ACWI IMI ex-US Value Index	

### **Global Balanced**

Moderate Allocation ETF		This strategy is a strategic allocation designed to provide broad market exposure while emphasizing securities with higher expected returns. The strategy pursues its objective through investing in a series of other Avantis equity and fixed income exchange-traded funds (ETFs).			
	Mutual Fund Ticker N/A		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.23%*	Expense Ratio - Net 0.21%	Benchmark 65% MSCI ACWI IMI Index / 35% Bloomberg U.S. 1-5 Year Government/ Credit Bond Index

### **Real Estate**

<b>Real Estate ETF</b>	Designed to pr	Designed to provide diversified exposure to global real estate securities.			
ETF TickerMutualAVREN/A	Fund Ticker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.17%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.17%	Benchmark S&P Global REIT Index	

# **Fixed Income**

Core Fixed Income ETF		Invests in a broad set of debt obligations across sectors, maturities and issuers.				
ETF Ticker AVIG	Mutual Fund Ticker AVIGX		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	
Short-Term Fixed Invests in a broad set of short-term debt obligations across sectors, maturities and issuers.						
ETF Ticker AVSF	Mutual Fund Ticker AVSFX		Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark Bloomberg 1-5 Year Government/Credit Index	
Core Municipal Bond ETF						
ETF Ticker AVMU	<b>Mutual</b> N/A	Fund Ticker	Expense Ratio - Gross 0.15%	Expense Ratio - Net 0.15%	Benchmark S&P National AMT-Free Municipal Bond Index	

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**Avantis Investors**<sup>®</sup> was established to help clients achieve their investment goals through a persistent focus on providing well-diversified investment solutions that fit seamlessly into asset allocations and combine the potential for added value with the reliability of indexing.

You should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses carefully before you invest. The fund's prospectus or summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting avantisinvestors.com, contains this and other information about the fund, and should be read carefully before investing. Investments are subject to market risk.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are bought and sold through exchange trading at market price (not NAV), and are not individually redeemed from the fund. Shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV in the secondary market. Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

### ETFs trade like stocks, fluctuate in market value and may trade at prices above or below the ETF's net asset value. Brokerage commissions and ETF expenses will reduce returns.

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Institutional class shares are only available for purchase by institutions or other financial intermediaries. Review definitions and minimums for share classes in the fund's prospectus.

These are actively managed funds that do not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. To determine whether to buy or sell a security, the portfolio managers consider, among other things, various fund requirements and standards, along with economic conditions, alternative investments, interest rates and various credit metrics. If the portfolio manager considerations are inaccurate or misapplied, the fund's performance may suffer.

Investment return and principal value of security investments will fluctuate. The value at the time of redemption may be more or less than the original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Generally, as interest rates rise, the value of the securities held in the fund will decline. The opposite is true when interest rates decline.

Derivatives may be more sensitive to changes in market conditions and may amplify risks.

Investing in real estate funds may be subject to many of the same risks as a direct investment in real estate. These risks include changes in economic conditions, interest rates, property values, property tax increases, overbuilding and increased competition, environmental contamination, zoning and natural disasters. This is due to the fact that the value of the fund's investments may be affected by the value of the real estate owned by the companies in which it invests. To the extent the fund invests in companies that make loans to real estate companies, the fund also may be subject to interest rate risk and credit risk. Due to the limited focus of these funds, they may experience greater volatility than funds with a broader investment strategy. They are not intended to serve as a complete investment program by themselves.

Municipal Securities investing is more sensitive to events that affect municipal markets, including legislative or political changes and the financial condition of the issuers of municipal securities. The fund may have a higher level of risk than funds that invest in a larger universe of securities. Additionally, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has significantly stressed the financial resources of many municipal issuers, which may impair a municipal issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations when due and could adversely impact the value of its bonds, which could negatively impact the performance of the fund.

Historically, small cap and mid cap stocks have been more volatile than the stock of larger, more-established companies. Smaller companies may have limited resources, product lines and markets, and their securities may trade less frequently and in more limited volumes than the securities of larger companies.

International investing involves special risks, such as political instability and currency fluctuations. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.

AVGV, AVNM, AVNV and AVMA: The fund's performance and risks reflect the performance and risks of the underlying funds in which it invests. By investing in underlying funds, the primary fund becomes a shareholder of the underlying fund and bears its proportionate share of the underlying fees and expenses.

AVGV, AVNM, AVNV and AVMA: The fund's performance and risks depend in part on the managers' skill in selecting and weighting the asset classes and underlying funds and implementing any deviations from the target range, which may differ from actual market conditions.

AVIE: The fund's investments are designed to correlate with inflation. There is no guarantee, however, that the value of the fund's securities will increase over time or that the future investment performance will correlate with inflation. Purchasing power decreases as inflation increases, and the future value of the fund's assets could decline. Further, to the extent the fund's investments do correlate with inflation, the value of the fund's investments could decline if inflation or inflation expectations recede. In addition, the fund invests primarily in a diverse group of U.S. equity companies in market sectors and industry groups the portfolio managers expect to appreciate in value if the U.S. inflation rate rises or is believed to be rising. The fund seeks to focus its investments in those industries that historically have had, or are expected to have, better performance in periods of rising inflation, which generally includes financial services, oil and gas, metals and mining, healthcare, and consumer staples companies. The prospectus contains very important information about the different risks associated with those types of industries and companies.

AVSE, AVSD and AVSU: The portfolio management team limits its investable universe of companies by screening out those that raise concerns based on the team's evaluation of multiple environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) metrics. The portfolio managers utilize ESG data from third party sources, as well as proprietary evaluations, to decide what securities should be excluded due to ESG concerns. Because the portfolio managers screen securities based on ESG characteristics, the fund may exclude the securities of certain issuers or industry sectors for other than financial reasons and, as a result, the fund may perform differently or maintain a different risk profile than the market generally or compared to funds that do not use similar ESG-based screens. Investing based on ESG considerations may also prioritize long term rather than short term returns. Due to the lack of regulation and uniform reporting standards with respect to ESG characteristics of issuers, ESG data may be inconsistent or inaccurate across sources. In addition, all relevant ESG data considered by the team may not be available for an issuer.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs): Foreside Fund Services, LLC-Distributor, not affiliated with American Century Investment Services, Inc.

Mutual Funds: American Century Investment Services, Inc., Distributor

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# **Investing with Purpose**

The innovations of Avantis Investors<sup>®</sup> rest on the established foundation of American Century Investments<sup>®</sup>, an asset manager known for industry-leading client care, stewardship and stability. Founded over 60 years ago, American Century boasts an institutional-quality investment management platform with more than \$229 billion in AUM.\*

Through American Century's relationship with the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, your investments with Avantis Investors help support research that can improve human health and save lives. Since 2000, American Century's dividends distributed to the Institute have totaled over \$2 billion. \*As of 12/31/2023



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