

## ARCHER INVESTMENT SERIES TRUST

## ARCHER MULTI CAP FUND – Ticker Symbol – ALSMX

#### **SUMMARY PROSPECTUS**

**December 29, 2020** 

Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's prospectus and other information about the Fund (including the Fund's SAI) online at www.thearcherfunds.com/forms.html. You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1-800-238-7701, or by sending an e-mail request to tpatton@thearcherfunds.com. The Fund's prospectus and SAI, each dated December 22, 2020 (as each may be amended or supplemented), are incorporated herein by reference.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Funds' Shareholder reports like this one will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from the Funds or from your financial intermediary, such as a broker-dealer or bank. Instead, the reports will be made available on the Funds' website www.thearcherfunds.com, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communication from the Funds or your financial intermediary electronically by calling or sending an email request.

You may elect to receive all future reports in paper free of charge. You can inform the Funds or your financial intermediary that you wish to continue receiving paper copies of you shareholder reports by calling or sending an email request. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all funds held with the fund complex or your financial intermediary.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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#### **FUND SUMMARY**

#### ARCHER MULTI CAP FUND

## **Investment Objective**

The Archer Multi Cap Fund (the "Fund") seeks long-term growth of capital.

## Fees and Expenses of Investing in the Fund

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

## **Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment)

Redemption Fee (as a percentage of the amount redeemed within ninety (90) days of purchase)

#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a

percentage of the value of your investment)

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Management Fee	0.50%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses (1)	2.55%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses (2)	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	3.06%
Fee Waiver and/or expenses reimbursement (3)	(2.10)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses after Fee Waiver and/or Expense	
Reimbursement	0.96%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "Other Expenses" reflect estimated expenses that the Fund expects to bear in the current fiscal year.

#### Example:

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Archer Multi Cap Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses represent the pro rata expense indirectly incurred by the Fund as a result of investing in money market funds or other investment companies that have their own expenses. The fees and expenses are not used to calculate the Fund's net asset value and do not correlate to the ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets found in the "Financial Highlights" section of this Prospectus. The fees and expenses reflect estimated acquired fund fees and expenses that the Fund expects to bear in the current fiscal year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Advisor contractually has agreed to waive its management fee and/or reimburse certain Fund operating expenses, but only to the extent necessary so that the Fund's total operating expenses, excluding brokerage fees and commissions, any 12b-1 fees, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expenses on securities sold short), taxes, extraordinary expenses and any indirect expenses (such as Fees and Expenses of Acquired Funds), do not exceed 0.95% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Expense Limitation Agreement is currently in effect until December 31, 2023. Pursuant to the Expense Limitation Agreement, if the Adviser so requests, any Fund Operating Expenses waived or reimbursed by the Adviser pursuant to the Agreement that had the effect of reducing Fund Operating Expenses to 0.95% within the most recent three years prior to recoupment shall be repaid to the Adviser by the Fund; provided, however, that such recoupment will not cause the Fund's expense ratio, after recoupment has been taken into account, to exceed the lesser of the expense cap in effect at the time of the waiver or the expense cap in effect at the time of recoupment. The contractual agreement is in place through December 31, 2023. The Management Services Agreement may, on sixty (60) days' written notice, be terminated with respect to the Fund, at any time without the payment of any penalty, by the Board of Trustees or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, or by Management.

year and that the Fund's operating expenses (giving effect to the expense limitation only during the first three years) remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS
\$98	\$306	\$1.008	\$2.888

#### **Portfolio Turnover**

The Fund 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 and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. For the period December 30, 2019 (commencement of investment operations) through August 31, 2020, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 39.09% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **Principal Investment Strategies of the Fund**

The Archer Multi-Cap Fund is a "non-diversified" portfolio investing in equity securities, primarily common stocks, of US companies and may also invest, from time to time, in exchange traded funds ("ETFs") that primarily invest in these companies that are selected for their long-term growth potential. The Fund is a "multi-cap" fund in that it may invest in issuers of any market capitalization. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will hold a core position of up to 100 common stocks. The investment adviser selects portfolio investments based on an individual security fundamental analysis. Under normal conditions, the Fund will equally weight its portfolio holdings across the capitalization spectrum.

Although some of the Fund's holdings may produce dividends, interest, or other income, current income is not a consideration when selecting the Fund's investments. The Adviser primarily relies on fundamental analysis in selecting portfolio securities for the Fund. A "fundamental analysis" relies on an analysis of the balance sheet and income statements of companies in order to forecast their future stock price movements. The Fund's investment adviser employs a flexible investment style and seeks to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

## Principal Risks of Investing in the Fund

Your investment in the Fund is not guaranteed by any agency or program of the U.S. government or by any other person or entity, and **you could lose money investing in the Fund**. You should consider your own investment goals, time horizon and risk tolerance before investing in the Fund. The principal risks associated with an investment in the Fund include the following:

**Equity Risks.** Stock markets can be volatile. In other words, the prices of stocks can rise or fall rapidly in response to developments affecting a specific company or industry, or to changing economic, political or market conditions. The Fund's investments may decline in value if the stock markets perform poorly. There is also a risk that the Fund's investments will under-perform either the securities markets generally or particular segments of the securities markets.

**Market Risk.** Investments in equity securities are subject to inherent market risks and fluctuations in value due to earnings, economic conditions and other factors beyond the control of the Advisor. As a result, the return and net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund will fluctuate.

**Growth Securities Risk.** Securities of companies perceived to be "growth" companies may be more volatile than other stocks and may involve special risks. The price of a "growth" security may be impacted if the company does not realize its anticipated potential or if there is a shift in the market to favor other types of securities.

**Non-Diversification Risk.** The Fund is classified as a "non-diversified" portfolio which means it may hold fewer securities than a diversified fund because it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a smaller number of securities.

**Small Capitalization Risk.** The Fund's investments may be in companies that have small or medium market capitalizations and may involve greater risks than are customarily associated with larger, more established companies. These companies tend to be less liquid and have greater price volatility.

**Exchange Traded Fund Risk.** An investment in an exchange traded fund carries security specific risk and market risk. Also, if the sector of the market representing the underlying index or benchmark does not perform as expected for any reason, the value of the investment in the exchange traded fund may decline.

**Key Personnel Risk.** If one or more key individuals become unavailable to the investment adviser, including the Fund's portfolio manager, who is important to the management of the Fund's assets, the Fund could suffer material adverse effects, including substantial share redemptions that could require the Fund to sell portfolio securities at times when markets are not favorable.

**Cybersecurity Risk.** Cybersecurity incidents may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data (including private shareholder information), or proprietary information, or cause the fund, the manager, any subadviser and/or its service providers (including, but not limited to, fund accountants, custodians, sub-custodians, transfer agents and financial intermediaries) to suffer data breaches, data corruption or lose operational functionality.

Market Turbulence Resulting from COVID-19. The respiratory illness COVID-19 caused by a novel coronavirus has resulted in a global pandemic and major disruption to economies and markets around the world, including the United States. Global financial markets have experienced extreme volatility and severe losses, and trading in many instruments has been disrupted. Liquidity for many instruments has been greatly reduced for periods of time. Some interest rates are very low and in some cases yields are negative. Some sectors of the economy and individual issuers have experienced particularly large losses. These circumstances may continue for an extended period of time and may continue to affect adversely the value and/or liquidity of the Fund's investments. The ultimate economic fallout from the pandemic, and the long-term impact on economies, markets, industries and individual issuers, are not known. Governments and central banks, including the Federal Reserve in the U.S., have taken extraordinary and unprecedented actions to support national economies and the financial markets. These actions have resulted in significant expansion of public debt, including in the U.S. The impact of these measures, and whether they will be effective to mitigate the economic and market disruption, may not be known for some time. The consequences of high public debt, including its future impact on the economy and securities markets, likewise may not be known for some time.

#### Performance

The Fund is new as of the date of this Prospectus and therefore performance information is not yet available. Because the Fund is a new fund and does not yet have a full calendar year of investment operations, no performance information is presented for the Fund at this time. In the future, performance information will be presented in this section of this Prospectus. Updated performance information will be available on the Fund's website at www.thearcherfunds.com or by calling the Fund toll-free at 1-800-494-2755.

## Management of the Fund

Archer Investment Corporation serves as the Investment Advisor of the Fund.

## **Portfolio Managers**

Investment Professional Fund		<b>Primary Title with Investment</b>
Title (if applicable)	<b>Experience with this Fund</b>	Advisor
Troy C. Patton, CPA/ABV	Since the Fund's inception in 2019	President
Steven Demas	Since the Fund's inception in 2019	Senior Vice President
John Rosebrough, CFA	Since the Fund's inception in 2019	Senior Vice President

#### **Purchase and Sale of Funds Shares**

You may purchase or sell shares of the Funds on any day the Funds are open for business by contacting your financial intermediary or other financial institution, or by contacting the Funds by telephone or by mail as set forth in the table below or by wire transfer. The minimum initial investment in a Fund is \$2,500 (\$250 for automatic investment plan participants) and minimum subsequent investments are \$100.

**By Wire:** 1-800-494-2755

## By Mail (or Overnight):

Archer Multi Cap Fund c/o Mutual Shareholder Services, LLC 8000 Town Center Drive, Suite 400 Broadview Heights, OH 44148

#### **Tax Information**

The Fund intends to make distributions to its shareholders on an annual basis to the extent that it has income or gains to distribute. Distributions may be taxed to shareholders as ordinary income or capital gains unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as 401(k) plans or an individual retirement account. Such tax-deferred arrangements are taxed later upon withdrawal of monies from those arrangements.

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

If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund may pay the intermediary from the Fund's assets, or the investment adviser and/or the Fund's distributor may pay the intermediary out of their own funds and not as an expense of the Fund, for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary to recommend the Fund over another investment. Consult with your financial intermediary or visit their web-site for more information.

For important information about the purchase and sale of fund shares, tax information and financial intermediary compensation, please refer to "Purchase and Sales of Fund Shares, Taxes and Financial Intermediary Compensation" found on page 85 of this Prospectus.