

# REAL ESTATE SECURITIES PORTFOLIO (I)

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## OVERVIEW

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Benchmark                    | Dow Jones US Select REIT Index |
| Inception Date               | Jan. 05, 1993                  |
| Ticker                       | DFREX                          |
| Fund Assets Under Management | \$7.7 Billion                  |

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the DFA Real Estate Securities Portfolio is to achieve long-term capital appreciation.

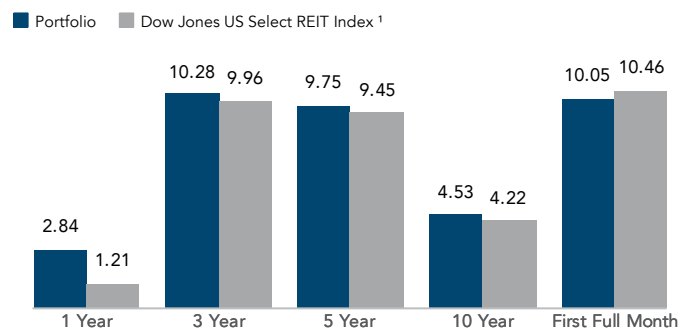
## PRINCIPAL RISKS

Risks include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Sector-specific investments can also increase these risks. Real estate investment risks include changes in real estate values and property taxes, interest rates, cash flow of underlying real estate assets, supply and demand, and the management skill and creditworthiness of the issuer. For more detail regarding the risks affecting this Portfolio, please see the Principal Risks section of the prospectus.

## CHARACTERISTICS

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Number of Holdings              | 151      |
| % in Top 10 Holdings            | 34.55    |
| Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (Millions)  | \$16,050 |
| Price-to-Book                   | 2.41     |
| Annual Turnover (Oct. 31, 2016) | 3%       |

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)



First Full Month refers to performance since February 1993.

## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

|      | PORTFOLIO | BENCHMARK |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| 2016 | 8.38%     | 6.68%     |
| 2015 | 3.24%     | 4.48%     |
| 2014 | 31.11%    | 32.00%    |
| 2013 | 1.39%     | 1.22%     |
| 2012 | 17.48%    | 17.12%    |
| 2011 | 8.95%     | 9.37%     |
| 2010 | 28.67%    | 28.07%    |
| 2009 | 28.17%    | 28.46%    |
| 2008 | -37.36%   | -39.20%   |
| 2007 | -18.67%   | -17.55%   |

Performance for the portfolio is reported net of all advisory fees and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Performance less than one year is not annualized. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit [us.dimensional.com](http://us.dimensional.com). An index is not available for direct investment.

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**TOP HOLDINGS**

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Simon Property Group Inc  | 6.78% |
| Public Storage            | 3.99% |
| Equinix Inc               | 3.77% |
| Prologis Inc              | 3.39% |
| Welltower Inc             | 3.17% |
| AvalonBay Communities Inc | 3.11% |
| Ventas Inc                | 2.84% |
| Equity Residential        | 2.81% |
| Boston Properties Inc     | 2.55% |
| Vornado Realty Trust      | 2.14% |

**FUND COSTS**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Management Fee                  | 0.17% |
| Total Operating Expense Ratio   | 0.19% |
| Net Expense Ratio (to investor) | 0.18% |

Under certain circumstances, the Advisor has contractually agreed to waive certain fees and/or assume certain expenses of the Portfolio. The Advisor may amend or discontinue the waivers at any time, one year from the date of the prospectus. The net expense ratio reflects the total annual fund operating expenses of the Portfolio after taking into account any such fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement arrangements. Please read the Portfolio's prospectus for details and more information.

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<sup>1</sup> The Dow Jones US Select REIT Index measures the stock performance of REITs and real estate operating companies. Dow Jones data provided by Dow Jones Indices. Indices are not available for direct investment.