

# GLOBAL REAL ESTATE SECURITIES PORTFOLIO

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## OVERVIEW

Benchmark	S&P Global REIT Index (net div.)
Inception Date	Jun. 04, 2008
Ticker	DFGEX
CUSIP	23320G554
Fund Assets Under Management	\$7.1 Billion

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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

## PRINCIPAL RISKS

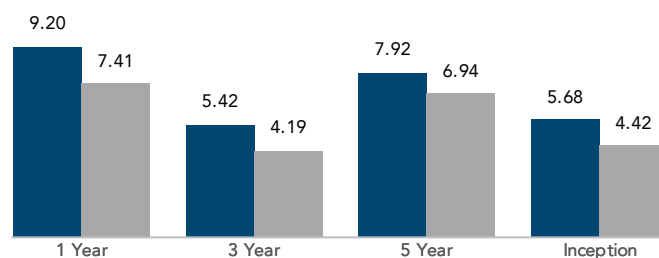
Risks include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Small cap securities are subject to greater volatility than those in other asset categories. International investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks. Sector-specific investments can also increase investment 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	439
% in Top 10 Holdings	22.24
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (Millions)	\$15,033
Price-to- Book	1.71

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)

■ Portfolio ■ S&P Global REIT Index (net div.)<sup>1</sup>



## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK
2017	9.20%	7.41%
2016	6.56%	5.77%
2015	0.69%	-0.44%
2014	22.74%	21.54%
2013	1.77%	1.73%
2012	23.17%	22.38%
2011	1.81%	0.61%
2010	23.79%	22.09%
2009	32.67%	31.72%

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).

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**REIT INDUSTRIES**

Retail REITs	24.95%
Specialized REITs	17.33%
Diversified REITs	13.69%
Office REITs	13.45%
Residential REITs	10.66%
Industrial REITs	8.37%
Health Care REITs	7.01%
Hotel & Resort REITs	4.54%
Other Non-Real Estate	0.00%
Other Real Estate	0.00%

**TOP HOLDINGS**

Simon Property Group Inc	3.54%
American Tower Corp	2.92%
Equinix Inc	2.34%
Prologis Inc	2.28%
Crown Castle International Corp	2.15%
Public Storage	2.13%
Unibail-Rodamco SE	2.04%
AvalonBay Communities Inc	1.65%
Link REIT	1.62%
Equity Residential	1.57%

**TOP COUNTRIES**

United States	64.12%
Australia	7.37%
Japan	7.11%
United Kingdom	5.01%
Singapore	3.12%

**FUND COSTS**

Management Fee	0.20%
Total Operating Expense Ratio	0.38%
Net Expense Ratio (to investor)	0.24%

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