

# First Investors Funds

# First Investors Investment Grade Fund

09/30/2017

Class A FIIGX Advisor Class FIJX

## Fund Facts

Inception	
Class A	02/19/1991
Advisor Class	04/01/2013

## Asset Class

Intermediate-Term Bond

## Benchmark

BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Corporate Master Index

## Characteristics

Number of Holdings	144
Portfolio Turnover (%)	44.3%
AUM (\$M)	625.4
Nominal Maturity (Years)	8.6
Average Duration (Years)	6.3
Average Coupon (%)	4.7%

## Investment Adviser

Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc. is the Fund's investment adviser.

## Portfolio Managers

Clark D. Wagner  
Rajeev Sharma

## Risk Measure 3 Year\*

Standard Deviation	3.11
Alpha**	-0.45
Beta**	0.81
R-Squared**	97.15
Sharpe Ratio	0.81

\* Calculations measured against Class A shares

\*\* Measured against the Fund's benchmark

## Investment Objective and Strategy

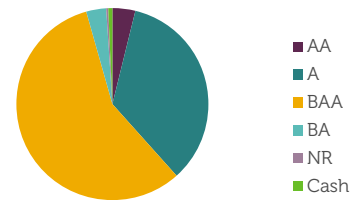
The Fund seeks to generate a maximum level of income consistent with investment in investment grade debt securities. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment grade bonds. The Fund may invest in a variety of different types of investment grade securities, including corporate bonds, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or U.S. government-sponsored enterprises (some of which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government), and mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities. The Fund may also invest in U.S. Treasury futures and options on U.S. Treasury futures to hedge against changes in interest rates. In making investment decisions, the Fund considers the outlook for interest rates, economic forecasts and market conditions, credit ratings, and its own analysis of an issuers' financial condition. The Fund will not necessarily sell an investment if its rating is reduced and it may hold securities that have been downgraded below investment grade (commonly known as "high-yield" or "junk bonds").

## Top Ten Fixed Income Holdings (%)

Morgan Stanley, 5.500%, 07/28/2021	2.0%	Wells Fargo & Co., 4.750%, 12/07/2046	1.1%
JPMorgan Chase & Co., 3.540%, 05/01/2028	1.5%	General Electric Capital Corp., 4.650%, 10/17/2021	1.1%
Diamond 1 Finance Corp., 4.420%, 06/15/2021	1.4%	Verizon Communications, Inc., 4.272%, 01/15/2036	1.1%
Wells Fargo & Co., 3.450%, 02/13/2023	1.4%	Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC, 8.125%, 01/15/2020	1.1%
BP Capital Markets, PLC, 3.216%, 11/28/2023	1.4%	Home Depot, Inc., 5.875%, 12/16/2036	1.1%

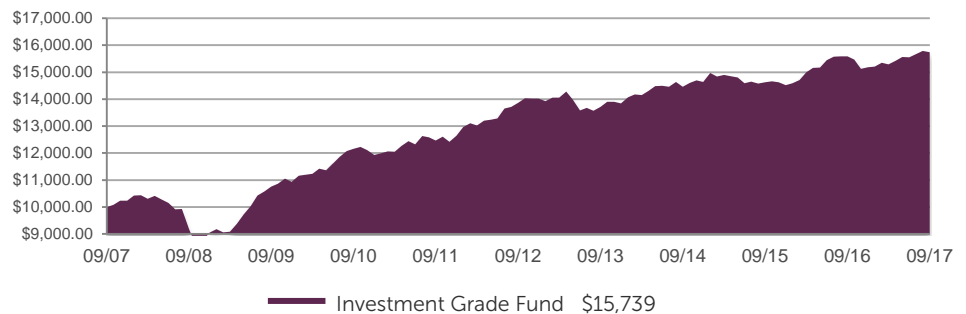
## Credit Quality (%)

AA	3.86%
A	34.51%
BAA	57.23%
BA	3.35%
NR	0.35%
Cash	0.69%



The Credit Quality table depicts the distribution of the credit quality ratings of the Fund's portfolio holdings as reported by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's"). Securities not rated by Moody's are classified as Unrated for purposes of the Credit Quality table even though they may be rated by another Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization. The investment advisor performs its own credit analysis of securities in the Unrated category and assigns comparable ratings that are used for compliance with the Fund's investment policies.

## Growth of \$10,000 Investment



The Growth of \$10,000 Investment graph shows cumulative return of an initial investment of \$10,000 from 9/30/2007 to 9/30/2017. Figures include reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but do not reflect the effect of any sales charges or redemption fees, which would lower these figures. The illustration is not intended to imply any future performance of the Fund. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## Annual Performance before sales charge (%) (all distributions reinvested)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD 2017
A Shares	5.15	-11.56	20.91	9.09	5.92	10.93	-1.25	5.72	-0.85	4.59	3.67
BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Corporate Master Index	4.64	-6.82	19.76	9.52	7.51	10.37	-1.46	7.51	-0.63	5.96	5.30

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## Historical Return (%)

As of 09/30/2017	Cumulative	Average Annualized Total Return				
	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since* Inception
<b>Total Return</b> (Without Sales Charge)						
Class A	3.67	0.97	2.85	2.62	4.64	
Advisor Class	3.96	1.32	3.18	-	-	2.76
<b>SEC Standardized Return<sup>1</sup></b> (With Sales Charge)						
Class A	-	-3.04	1.47	1.78	4.22	
Advisor Class	-	1.32	3.18	-	-	2.76
<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>5.30</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>3.99</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>5.67</b>	<b>3.63</b>

\*The Since Inception average annual total returns shown for the Advisor Class Shares and the benchmark are for the period since the commencement of those classes on 04/01/2013.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance of share classes will differ because each class is sold pursuant to different sales arrangements and bears different expenses. For performance data current to the most recent month-end call 800 524 2803 or visit [forestersfinancial.com](http://forestersfinancial.com). Returns may reflect waivers or reimbursements of certain expenses. Absent these waivers or reimbursements, returns may be lower.

## Fee Structure

Shareholder fees (fees paid directly from your investment)	Class A		Advisor Class
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	4.00% <sup>1,2</sup>		None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of purchase price or redemption price)	1.00% <sup>3</sup>		None

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Class A		Advisor Class
Management Fees	0.66%		0.66%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.30%		None
Other Expenses	0.19%		0.19%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.15%		0.85%

<sup>1</sup> Effective June 12, 2017, the maximum sales charge on Class A Shares was changed from 5.75% to 4.00%.

<sup>2</sup> Due to rounding of numbers in calculating a sales charge, you may pay more or less than what is shown above.

<sup>3</sup> A CDSC of 1.00% will be assessed on certain redemptions of Class A shares that are purchased without a sales charge

## Important Information

This information should be preceded or accompanied by a current prospectus or summary prospectus which may be obtained by downloading it from our website, contacting your Representative, or calling 800 524 2803. You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The prospectus and summary prospectus contain this and other information about the Fund, and should be read carefully before you invest or send money. An investment in a Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or any other government agency.

Investing in a mutual fund involves risk. You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee of your investment results. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its stated investment objective. The principal risks of investing in the Fund are: *Interest Rate Risk. Credit Risk. Prepayment and Extension Risk. Liquidity Risk. Derivatives Risk. Security Selection Risk.*

## Glossary of Terms

Intermediate-term bond portfolios invest primarily in corporate and other investment-grade U.S. fixed-income issues and typically have durations of 3.5 to 6.0 years. These portfolios are less sensitive to interest rates, and therefore less volatile, than portfolios that have longer durations. The BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Corporate Master Index includes publicly-issued fixed-rate non-convertible investment grade dollar-denominated, SEC-registered corporate debt having at least one year to maturity and an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million. Indexes are unmanaged and do not reflect the performance of any particular security. Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Beta measures market volatility; a benchmark generally has a beta of 1.0; an investment with a beta under 1.0 is considered less volatile. R-Squared measures the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. Standard Deviation is a statistical measure of the historical volatility of a mutual fund or portfolio; the higher the number the greater the risk. Sharpe Ratio measures reward vs. risk; a higher number is more favorable. Portfolio Turnover is reflective of quarter end.

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