

**First Investors Equity Income Fund  
Summary Prospectus     January 31, 2019**

**Ticker Symbols  
Class A: FIUTX  
Class B: FIUBX  
Advisor Class: FIUUX  
Institutional Class:FIUVX**

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 this and other information about the Fund, including the statement of additional information (“SAI”) and most recent reports to shareholders, at [www.foresters.com/prospectuses](http://www.foresters.com/prospectuses). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 1 (800)423-4026 or by e-mailing [investorservices@foresters.com](mailto:investorservices@foresters.com). The Fund’s prospectus and SAI, dated January 31, 2019, as each may be amended or supplemented, and the financial statements in the annual report to shareholders, dated September 30, 2018, are incorporated herein by reference.

**Investment Objective:** The Fund seeks total return.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund:** This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in certain classes of shares of certain First Investors Funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial representative and in “Are sales charge discounts and waivers available” on page 199 of the Fund’s prospectus and in “Additional Information About Sales Charge Discounts and Waivers” on page II-60 of the Fund’s SAI. You may be required to pay a commission to your financial intermediary for Advisor Class and Institutional Class shares purchased through them. Such commissions are not reflected in the tables or the Example below.

| <b>Shareholder Fees</b> ( <i>fees paid directly from your investment</i> )                                | <b>Class A</b>     | <b>Class B</b> | <b>Advisor Class</b> | <b>Institutional Class</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)                      | 5.75%              | None           | None                 | None                       |
| Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lower of purchase price or redemption price) | 1.00% <sup>1</sup> | 4.00%          | None                 | None                       |

| <b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> ( <i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i> ) | <b>Class A</b> | <b>Class B</b> | <b>Advisor Class</b> | <b>Institutional Class</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Management Fees  | 0.73%          | 0.73%          | 0.73%                | 0.73%                      |
| Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees  | 0.30%          | 1.00%          | None                 | None                       |
| Other Expenses   | 0.18%          | 0.32%          | 0.13%                | 0.08%                      |
| <b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>  | <b>1.21%</b>   | <b>2.05%</b>   | <b>0.86%</b>         | <b>0.81%</b>               |

*1. A contingent deferred sales charge of 1% will be assessed on certain redemptions of Class A shares that are purchased without a sales charge, as described further in the “What are the sales charges?” section of the prospectus.*

## Example

The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the 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 and reflects conversion of Class B to Class A after eight years. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses 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 |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Class A shares             | \$691  | \$937   | \$1,202 | \$1,957  |
| Class B shares             | \$608  | \$943   | \$1,303 | \$2,164  |
| Advisor Class shares       | \$88   | \$274   | \$477   | \$1,061  |
| Institutional Class shares | \$83   | \$259   | \$450   | \$1,002  |

You would pay the following expenses on Class B shares if you did not redeem your shares:

|                | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years |
|----------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Class B shares | \$208  | \$643   | \$1,103 | \$2,164  |

**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 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. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 35% of the average value of its portfolio.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** The Fund invests, under normal circumstances, primarily in dividend-paying stocks of companies that the Fund believes are undervalued in the market relative to their long term potential. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in equities. For purposes of this 80% policy, equities may include common stock, preferred stock, equity-based exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and instruments that are convertible into common stock, or other instruments that represent an equity position in an issuer. The Fund normally will diversify its assets among dividend-paying stocks of large-, mid- and small-size companies. The Fund may also invest in stocks of companies of any size that do not pay dividends, but have the potential of paying dividends in the future if they appear to be undervalued.

The Fund may write (sell) covered call options on the securities it holds to generate income. A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer, in this case, the Fund, the obligation to sell, the underlying security at the exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the contract, regardless of the market price of the underlying security during the option period.

The Fund generally uses a "bottom-up" approach in attempting to identify stocks that are undervalued. This means that the Fund generally identifies potential investments through fundamental research and analysis which includes, among other things, analyzing a company's balance sheet, cash flow statements and competition within a company's industry. The Fund also assesses a company's corporate strategy and whether the company is operating in the interests of shareholders, as well as analyzing economic trends, interest rates, and industry diversification.

The Fund may sell a security if it becomes fully valued, its fundamentals have deteriorated or alternative investment opportunities become more attractive.

**Principal Risks:** You can lose money by investing in the Fund. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. Here are the principal risks of investing in the Fund:

**Call Options Risk.** Writing call options involves risks, such as potential losses if equity markets or an individual equity security do not move as expected and the potential for greater losses than if these techniques had not been used. By writing covered call options, the Fund will give up the opportunity to benefit from potential increases in the value of a Fund asset above the exercise price, but will bear the risk of declines in the value of the asset. Writing call options may expose the Fund to significant additional costs. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value.

**Dividend Risk.** At times, the Fund may not be able to identify attractive dividend-paying stocks. The income received by the Fund will also fluctuate due to the amount of dividends that companies elect to pay, which could adversely affect the Fund's ability to pay dividends and its share price.

**Market Risk.** Stock prices may decline over short or even extended periods due to general economic and market conditions, adverse political or regulatory developments or interest rate fluctuations. Adverse market events may lead to increased redemptions, which could cause the Fund to experience a loss or difficulty in selling securities to meet redemptions.

**Mid-Size and Small-Size Company Risk.** The market risk associated with stocks of mid- and small-size companies is generally greater than that associated with stocks of larger, more established companies because stocks of mid- and small-size companies tend to experience

sharper price fluctuations. At times, it may be difficult to sell mid- to small-size company stocks at reasonable prices.

**Security Selection Risk.** Securities selected by the portfolio manager may perform differently than the overall market or may not meet expectations.

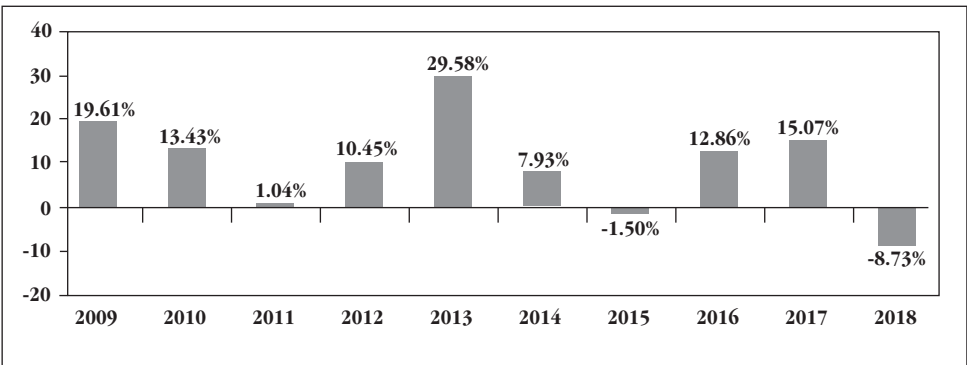
**Undervalued Securities Risk.** The Fund seeks to invest in securities that the Fund's adviser believes are undervalued and that it believes will rise in value due to anticipated events or changes in investor perceptions. If these developments do not occur, the market price of these securities may not rise as expected or may fall.

*An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.*

**Performance:** The following bar chart and table provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows changes in the Fund's performance from year to year for Class A shares. The table shows how the Fund's average annual returns for 1, 5, and 10 years compare to those of a broad measure of market performance. The Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available by visiting [www.foresters.com](http://www.foresters.com) or by calling 1 (800) 423-4026.

Sales charges are not reflected in the bar chart, and if those charges were included, returns would be less than those shown.

### Total Annual Returns For Calendar Years Ended December 31



During the periods shown, the highest quarterly return was 13.76% (for the quarter ended December 31, 2011) and the lowest quarterly return was -15.10% (for the quarter ended September 30, 2011).

## Average Annual Total Returns For Periods Ended December 31, 2018

|  | 1 Year  | 5 Years | 10 Years | Life of Class<br>(If less than<br>10 yrs) |
|--|---------|---------|----------|---|
| <b>Class A Shares</b>  |         |         |          |   |
| (Return Before Taxes)  | -13.96% | 3.49%   | 8.82%    | --  |
| (Return After Taxes on Distributions)  | -16.86% | 1.82%   | 7.79%    | --  |
| (Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares)                        | -6.19%  | 2.12%   | 6.91%    | --  |
| <b>Class B Shares (Return Before Taxes)</b>  | -12.63% | 3.56%   | 8.71%    | --  |
| <b>Advisor Class Shares (Return Before Taxes)<br/>(Inception Date: 4/1/13)</b>       | -8.46%  | 5.09%   | --       | 7.38%                                     |
| <b>Institutional Class Shares (Return Before Taxes)<br/>(Inception Date: 4/1/13)</b> | -8.36%  | 5.17%   | --       | 7.47%                                     |
| MSCI USA Value Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)*         | -7.18%  | 6.62%   | 11.13%   | 8.82%                                     |
| Russell 1000 Value Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)      | -8.27%  | 5.95%   | 11.18%   | 8.22%                                     |
| S&P 500 Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)                 | -4.38%  | 8.49%   | 13.12%   | 10.75%                                    |

\* The Fund changed its primary broad-based securities index to the MSCI USA Value Index as of January 31, 2019. The Fund had previously changed its primary broad-based securities index to the Russell 1000 Value Index on May 1, 2018. In each case the Fund elected to use the new index because it more closely reflected the Fund's investment strategies.

The after-tax returns are shown only for Class A shares and are calculated using the highest individual federal marginal income tax rates, do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes and will vary for other share classes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. The return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares may exceed the return before taxes due to an assumed tax benefit from any losses on a sale of Fund shares at the end of the measurement period.

**Investment Adviser:** Foresters Investment Management Company, Inc.

**Portfolio Manager:** Sean Reidy, Director of Equities, has served as Portfolio Manager of the Fund since 2011.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares: Class B shares of the Funds are closed to new accounts and new investments (excluding reinvestment of dividends, exchanges and other limited transactions).** You may purchase or redeem shares of the Fund on any business day by: contacting your financial intermediary in accordance with its policies; writing to the Fund's transfer agent at: Foresters Investor Services, Inc., Raritan Plaza I, Edison, NJ 08837; or calling the Fund's transfer agent at 1(800)423-4026. The minimum initial purchase for Class A shares, Class B shares and Advisor Class shares is \$1,000. The minimum initial purchase for Institutional Class shares is \$2,000,000. The minimum initial purchase is reduced for certain types of accounts and also for accounts that are eligible to be opened under a systematic investment plan. Subsequent investments can be made in any U.S. dollar amount.

**Tax Information:** The Fund's distributions are generally taxable, and will be taxed to you as ordinary income or long-term capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred

arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account, in which case the withdrawal of your investment from a tax-deferred arrangement may be taxable.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries:** The Fund is primarily sold to retail investors through its principal underwriter, Foresters Financial Services, Inc. ("FFS"), which is an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, and both are subsidiaries of the same holding company. FFS representatives receive compensation for selling the Funds. The Fund also may be sold through unaffiliated broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries, that receive compensation for selling First Investors Funds. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing representatives, broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries to recommend First Investors Funds over other funds. For more information ask your representative or your financial intermediary, see the Fund's SAI or visit Foresters Financial's or your financial intermediary's website.

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