As of 8/31/2021



# Morningstar<sup>®</sup> Performance Report

# Griffin Institutional Access<sup>®</sup> Real Estate Fund

# CLASS A SHARE (NASDAQ: GIREX)

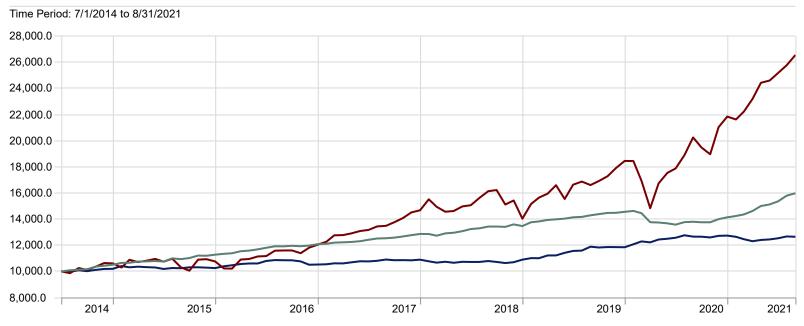
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#### Growth of a Hypothetical \$10,000 Investment Since Fund Inception



Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate A

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S&P 500 Index . . . .

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Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index

| Monthly Returns - Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate A |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul  | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Year  |
| 2021   | 0.72  | 0.83  | 1.84  | 2.61  | 0.80  | 1.56  | 2.85 | 1.17  |       |       |       |       | 13.04 |
| 2020   | 0.48  | -1.20 | -4.76 | -0.16 | -0.47 | -0.72 | 1.41 | 0.20  | -0.28 | 0.00  | 1.73  | 1.01  | -2.88 |
| 2019   | 2.18  | 0.44  | 0.80  | 0.37  | 0.37  | 0.73  | 0.22 | 0.84  | 0.66  | 0.62  | 0.07  | 0.51  | 8.09  |
| 2018   | -0.04 | -1.01 | 1.40  | 0.38  | 0.94  | 1.25  | 0.41 | 1.00  | 0.02  | -0.19 | 1.41  | -0.94 | 4.69  |
| 2017   | 0.26  | 0.71  | 0.19  | 0.23  | 0.45  | 0.90  | 0.79 | 0.15  | 0.38  | 0.71  | 0.78  | 0.72  | 6.46  |
| 2016   | 0.57  | 0.38  | 1.36  | 0.42  | 0.83  | 1.02  | 0.98 | -0.04 | 0.34  | -0.26 | 0.41  | 0.90  | 7.13  |
| 2015   | 1.33  | 0.08  | 0.86  | 0.15  | 0.23  | -0.33 | 2.23 | -0.54 | 0.77  | 1.70  | -0.11 | 0.74  | 7.31  |
| 2014   | —     | -     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 0.84 | 0.44  | 0.36  | 1.95  | 0.66  | 0.75  | —     |

#### **Trailing Returns**

As of Date: 8/31/2021 Data Point: Return

|  | GIREX<br>Inception | 5 Year | 3 Year | 1 Year |
|--|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate A | 6.76               | 6.04   | 5.97   | 15.83  |
| S&P 500 Index                              | 14.60              | 18.02  | 18.07  | 31.17  |
| Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index | 3.33               | 3.11   | 5.43   | -0.08  |

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Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund is a closed-end interval fund. Limited liquidity is provided to shareholders only through the Fund's guarterly repurchase offers for no less than 5% and no more than 25% of the Fund's shares outstanding at net asset value. The Fund is only suitable for investors who can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of the Fund and should be viewed as a long-term investment.

#### Since Inception Drawdown Time Period: 7/1/2014 to 8/31/2021 0.0 -2.0 -4.0 -6.0 -8.0 -10.0 -12.0 -14.0 -16.0 -18.0 -20.0 2014 2015 2020 2016 2017 2018 2019 2021 -Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate A -Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index Since Inception Risk-Reward Time Period: 7/1/2014 to 8/31/2021 Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate A 18.0 • S&P 500 Index Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index 15.0 12.0 Return 0.6 6.0 3.0 0.0 0.0 3.0 6.0 9.0 12.0 15.0 18.0 Std Dev

#### Market Performance

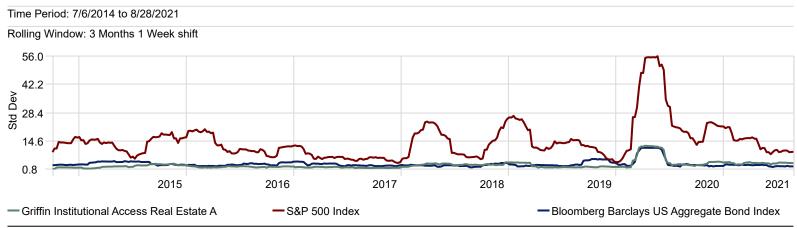
Time Period: 7/1/2014 to 8/31/2021 Calculation Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD

|  | Up<br>Period<br>Percent | Down<br>Period<br>Percent | Best<br>Month | Worst<br>Month | Best<br>Quarter | Worst<br>Quarter | Up<br>Capture<br>Ratio | Down<br>Capture<br>Ratio |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate A | 82.56                   | 17.44                     | 2.85          | -4.76          | 5.04            | -5.46            | 24.65                  | -0.84                    |
| S&P 500 Index                              | 72.09                   | 27.91                     | 12.82         | -12.35         | 20.54           | -19.60           | 100.00                 | 100.00                   |
| Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index | 59.30                   | 40.70                     | 2.59          | -2.37          | 3.15            | -3.37            | 7.71                   | -10.53                   |

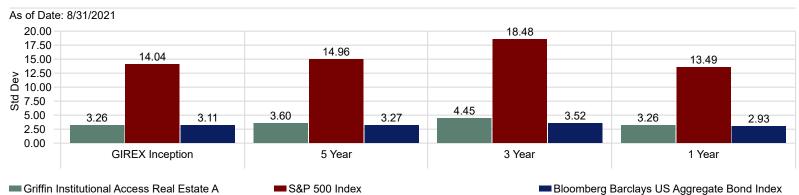
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Source: Morningstar Direct





**Standard Deviation** 

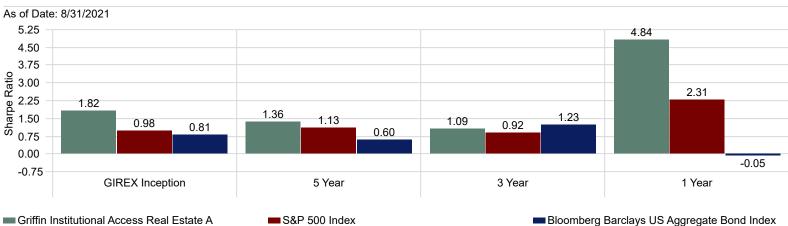




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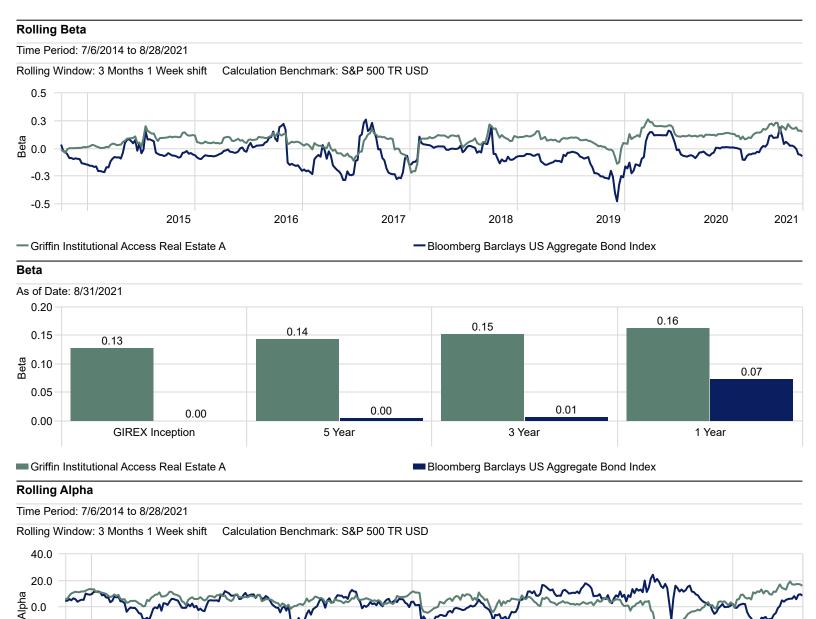


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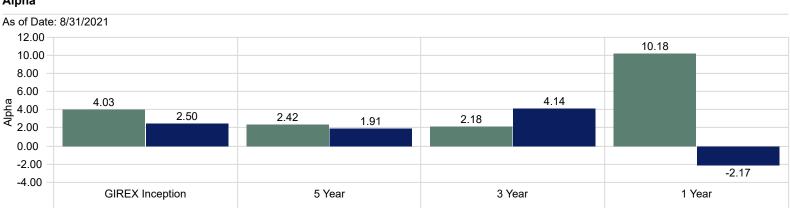
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Alpha

-20.0 -40.0



2017

2016

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Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index

2018

Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index

2019

2020

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2015

2021

# Glossary

Alpha: A measure of risk-adjusted return implying how much a fund/manager outperformed its benchmark, given its risk profile.

Annualized Return: Calculated by annualizing cumulative return (i.e., adjusting it for a period of one year). Annualized return includes capital appreciation and assumes a reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (AGG): Measures the performance of the U.S. investment grade bond market.

**Beta:** A measure of systematic risk (volatility), or the sensitivity of a fund to movements in a benchmark. A beta of 1 implies that you can expect the movement of a fund's return series to match that of the benchmark used to measure beta. A value of less than 1 implies that the fund is less volatile than the index.

**Cumulative Return:** The compound return of an investment. It includes capital appreciation and assumes a reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

**Down Capture Ratio:** Measures manager's performance in down markets. A downmarket is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the downmarket was captured by the manager.

Down Period Percent: Number of periods below 0 divided by the total number of periods.

**Drawdown:** The peak to trough decline during a specific recorded period of an investment, fund or commodity. A drawdown is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak and the subsequent trough.

Excess Return: The difference between a fund's return and that of its benchmark.

Leverage: The use of various financial instruments or borrowed capital, such as margin, to increase the potential return of an investment.

S&P 500: An index based on market cap of the 500 largest companies having stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ.

**Sharpe Ratio:** Measures risk-adjusted returns by calculating the excess return (above the risk free rate) per unit of risk (standard deviation). The higher the ratio, the better the risk-adjusted returns. The average 3 month U.S. Treasury Bill auction was used as the risk free rate in this material.

**Standard Deviation:** Measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean, and is often used as a measure of volatility/risk. A large standard deviation implies that there have been large swings in the return series of the manager.

**Up Capture Ratio:** Measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the market (benchmark) itself. It is calculated by taking the security's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return.

Up Capture Percent: Number of periods above 0 divided by the total number of periods.

# **Important Disclosures**

This is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation to purchase any security. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund (the "Fund"). This and other important information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained by contacting your financial advisor or visiting www.griffincapital.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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