



## VCAFX Q2 2025 Commentary

# Connetic Venture Capital Access Fund Quarterly Update

as of June 30, 2025

Ticker: VCAFX | CUSIP: 208191106

## Performance Snapshot (as of June 30, 2025)\*

Time Period	Connetic Venture Capital Access Fund	S&P 500 Index
Month to Date	1.18%	4.96%
Quarter to Date	1.58%	10.57%
Year to Date	2.40%	5.50%
1 Year		
3 Year		
Since Inception (Annualized)	2.60%	8.86%

*\*Returns quoted are net of fees. The performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. 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. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Some of the Fund's fees were waived or expenses reimbursed; otherwise, returns would have been lower. The Fund's total expenses for the fiscal year are estimated to be 3.76% and include, but are not limited to, all initial and ongoing Fund offering expenses, valuation, custody, transfer agency and administration, accounting, legal, and auditing fees of the Fund. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses such that total expenses do not exceed 2.65%. The contractual expense limitation will remain in effect until July 31, 2026. Net expenses are applicable to investors. For the most recent month-end performance, please see our Fact Card available at [Fund Website](#).*

## Manager Commentary

This quarter, the Connetic Venture Capital Access Fund navigated a recalibrating venture landscape shaped by capital contraction, sharpened investor selectivity, and sustained macroeconomic uncertainty. U.S. deal activity slowed meaningfully, as the absence of Q1's mega-deals and ongoing liquidity pressures reshaped investor behavior. Still, several structural trends emerged: **investors concentrated capital into fewer, stronger companies, AI continued to dominate allocation, and early-stage valuations outside major hubs began to reset** in meaningful ways.

In response, we focused on capital-efficient opportunities at the earliest stages—where valuation dislocations are most favorable and founder quality remains high. Guided by our proprietary psychographic sourcing model, we prioritized teams demonstrating executional clarity, strong market insight, and resilience. As in prior cycles, we believe that founders building durable, real-world solutions are best positioned to outperform when markets eventually rebound. We closed the quarter with an **all-time high net asset value of \$10.26**, as of June 30, 2025.

Looking ahead, we anticipate continued liquidity constraints for startups, ongoing valuation adjustments, and growing divergence between companies with real traction and those still chasing narratives. **We remain committed to backing high-conviction teams with strong founder-market fit, disciplined capital use, and the behavioral traits we believe drive long-term success.** As fear reshapes the market, we believe this is a powerful moment to lean in and build a portfolio positioned for the next cycle of venture outperformance.



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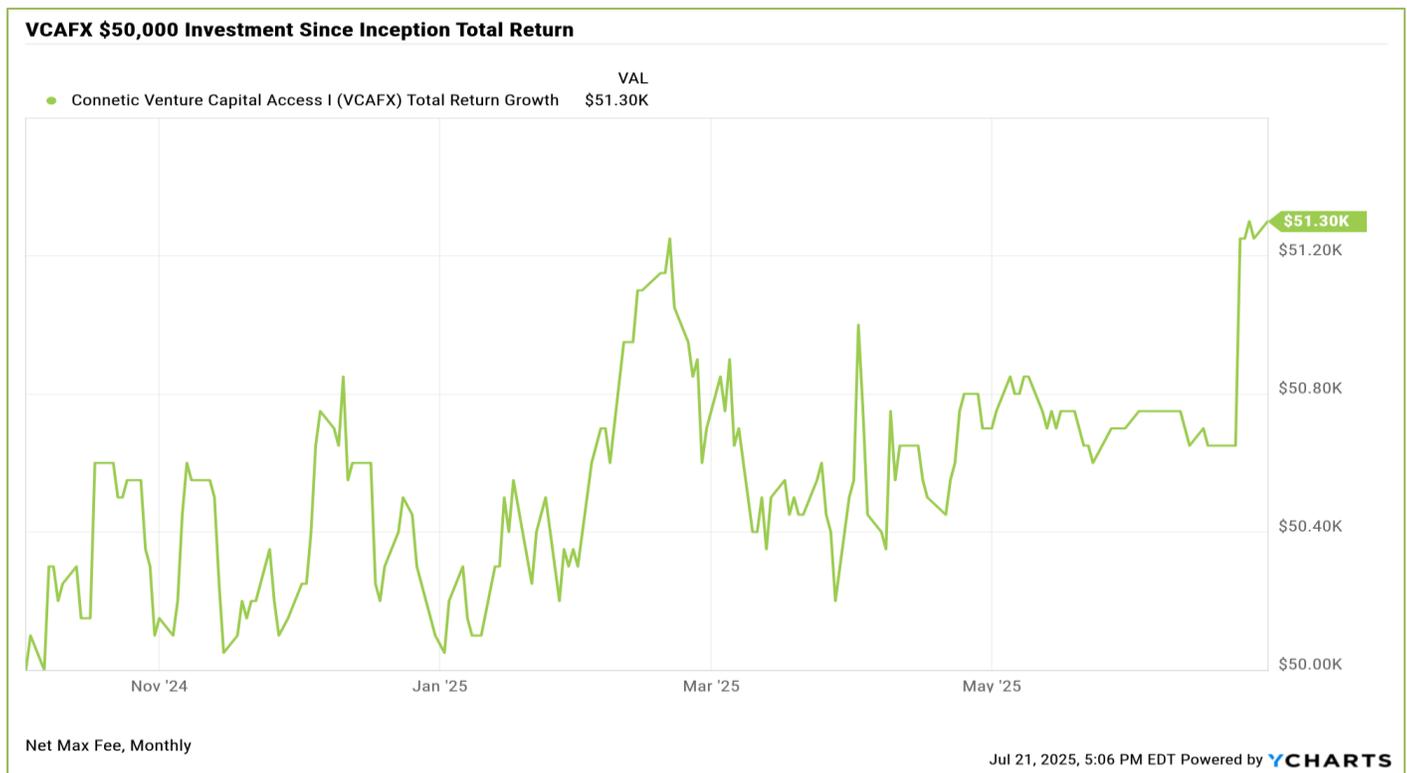
### Portfolio Management Opportunity with VCAFX

Since its inception in October 2024, the Connetic Venture Capital Access Fund (VCAFX) has delivered positive net returns, simulating a \$50,000 investment made on inception, we can see a potential growth to \$51,300 as of June 30, 2025. This performance underscores the value of incorporating early-stage private market exposure into diversified portfolios.

For advisors, VCAFX represents a low-friction, interval fund solution that offers clients exposure to the historically strong return potential of venture capital—without the illiquidity, high minimums, or administrative complexity of traditional private funds. In an environment where both stocks and bonds are under pressure, advisors are seeking new tools to reduce portfolio correlation, smooth volatility, and access differentiated sources of growth. VCAFX is designed to do just that.

Structured as a 40 Act registered interval fund, VCAFX provides access to a curated portfolio of early-stage startups sourced from across North America, with a focus on capital-efficient businesses and overlooked geographies. The fund’s NAV growth through Q2 2025 is a testament to disciplined underwriting, diversified deal flow, and a commitment to long-term value creation.

For clients, this means a thoughtful way to participate in the innovation economy without needing to navigate the intricacy of private markets directly. Whether used as a strategic satellite allocation or a long-term growth sleeve, VCAFX is built to complement traditional portfolio construction and help clients stay invested with confidence.

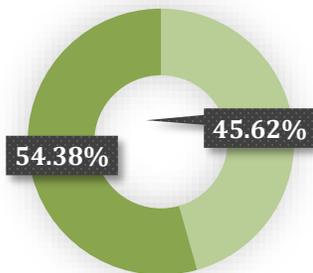


*Disclaimer: This chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$50,000 investment made in the Fund Class I Shares since its inception on 10/02/2024. It assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. This chart does not imply any future performance.*

### Top 10 Holdings\* and Fund Allocation (as of 06/30/2025)

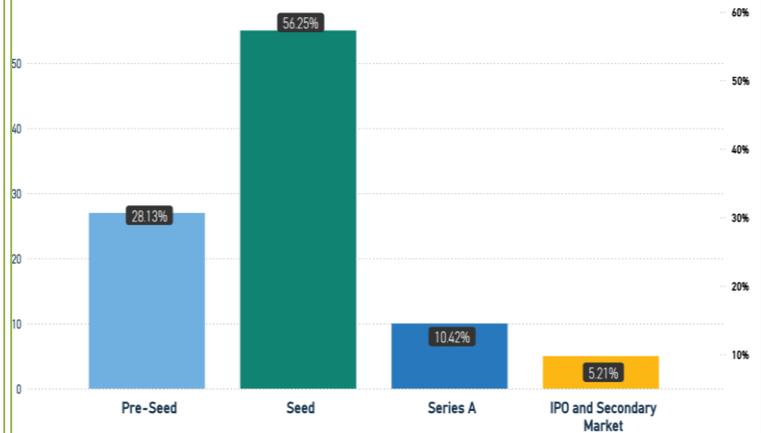
				
<p><b>Cary Health</b> CaryHealth improves patient outcomes with innovative pharmaceutical solutions</p>	<p><b>Bizzy Cold Brew</b> Bizzy manufactures top quality cold brew coffee products</p>	<p><b>Letterhead</b> Letterhead makes it easy to create, send, and monetize great newsletters at scale, automatically</p>	<p><b>Passage</b> Online ticketing, mobile box-office and POS solution</p>	<p><b>Venture360</b> Delivering technology and services to power the Venture Capital Industry.</p>
				
<p><b>MASV</b> MASV is large file transfer, simplified</p>	<p><b>Ottonomy</b> Level 4 autonomous delivery robots</p>	<p><b>Outlier</b> The first sports betting super app</p>	<p><b>Scription</b> Fixed-fee repair &amp; maintenance that drives uptime and cost certainty for restaurants.</p>	<p><b>FirstIgnite</b> FirstIgnite develops AI-powered business development tools for Scientific Organizations</p>

### Fund Holdings Value Allocation



■ Top 10 Holdings    ■ All Other Holdings

### Portfolio Allocation by Stage



## Fund Portfolio Activity as of March 31, 2025

### New Investments



Company: [Kartel.AI](#)

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Deal Lead: JD Audena

Invested: 04/01/2025

Description: A tech-enabled creative marketplace that connects AI-empowered creators with brands. Kartel streamlines the traditionally complex and costly creative production process, making it accessible to businesses of all sizes and budgets.

*Kartel found us thanks to a referral from our network to Kyle Schlotman.*



Company: [Langar Holdings](#)

Location: San Diego, CA

Deal Lead: Brad Zapp

Invested: 04/10/2025

Description: A FinTech company developing an AI-powered platform for actively managed, thematic ETFs. HealthTech ETF, provides targeted exposure to AI-driven healthcare companies with less than 10% overlap with traditional healthcare indices, offering investors access beyond broad index strategies.

*Langar found us after connecting with Brad Zapp at the Future Proof Citywide Miami conference.*



Company: [Parrot Finance](#)

Location: San Francisco, CA

Deal Lead: JD Audena

Invested: 04/10/2025

Description: Democratizing access to institutional investing strategies. Users can access and mimic

portfolios from leading asset managers and hedge funds, without the typical barriers. Parrot aims to make professional-grade investment strategies accessible to all investors.

*Parrot Finance found us after connecting with Brad Zapp at the Future Proof Citywide Miami conference.*



Company: [Purecode AI](#)

Location: Austin, TX

Deal Lead: Chris Hjelm

Invested: 06/04/2025

Description: Helping developers accelerate development without more headcount. Developers use PureCode AI to chat through bug fixes, build new features, refactor code, and generate UI components on demand, increasing velocity and efficiency through AI-powered development tools.

*Purecode found us through a referral from another VC firm in our network.*



Company: [Ranked Media](#)

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Deal Lead: JD Audena

Invested: 06/04/2025

Description: Ranked is an AI-powered, software company building customer-first experiences that reshape how brands, creators, and audiences connect - through direct-to-consumer shopping and social commerce driven by global community influence.

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### Follow-On Investments



Company: [Venture360](#)

Location: **Kansas City, MO**

Deal Lead: **Brad Zapp**

Invested: **04/07/2025**

Round Details: Venture360 raised a \$2M investment round led by Connetic Ventures to accelerate a new product offering. Additionally, we acquired additional shares of Venture360 from the secondary market as a signal of our conviction.

Initial Investment: August 2018

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Company: [Stacks, Inc.](#)

Location: **Marietta, GA**

Deal Lead: **JD Audena**

Invested: **05/20/2025**

Round Details: We increased our investment in Stacks as part of a milestone-based deployment strategy. The team continues to execute against key objectives, and this follow-on reflects our confidence in their progress and long-term potential.

Initial Investment: March 2025

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Company: [Passage Ticketing](#)

Location: **Detroit, MI**

Deal Lead: **Brad Zapp**

Invested: **04/29/2025**

Round Details: We increased our investment to fuel Passage through a critical growth inflection point. The team is highly engaged in exploring creative, capital-efficient growth opportunities, and strategic investors are showing interest, underscoring broader conviction in the company's trajectory.

Initial Investment: July 2019

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Company: [Visible VC](#)

Location: **Chicago, IL**

Deal Lead: **Brad Zapp**

Invested: **06/04/2025**

Round Details: Visible raised additional capital with strong participation from existing investors, including Connetic. Our follow-on investment reflects continued conviction in the team's execution and confidence in the opportunity ahead.

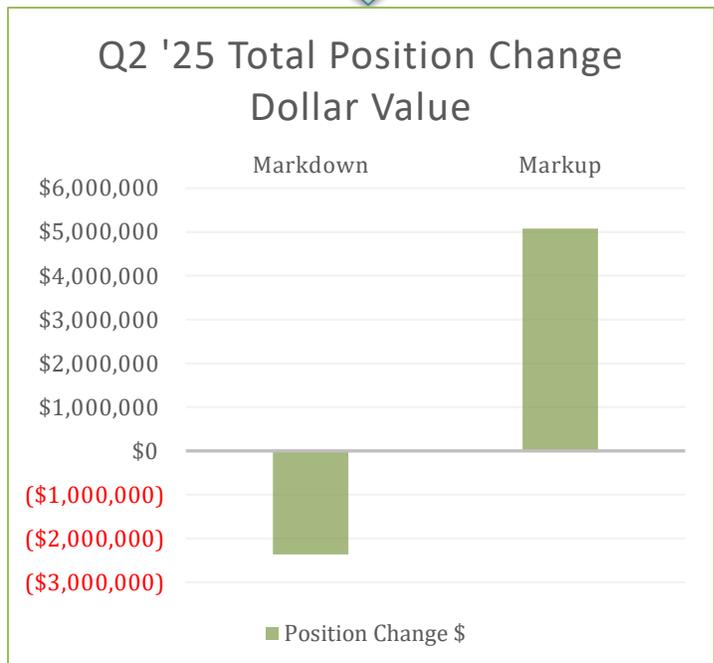
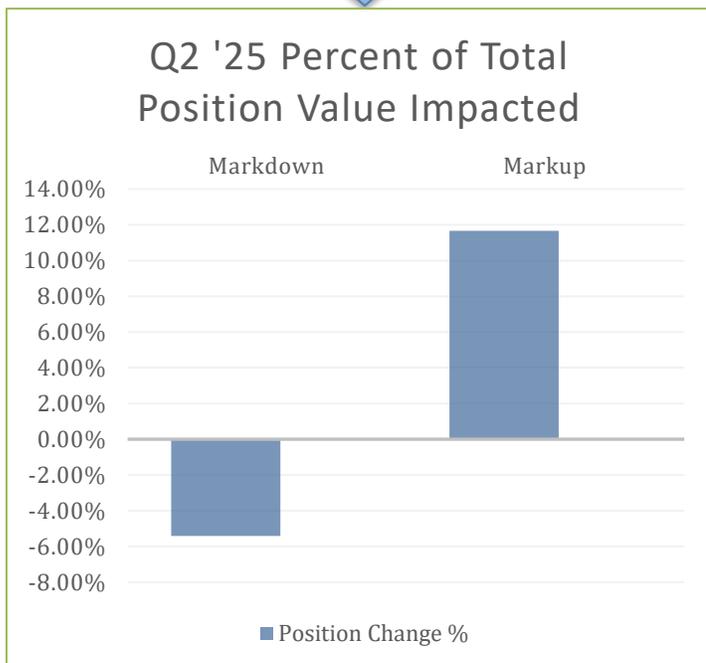
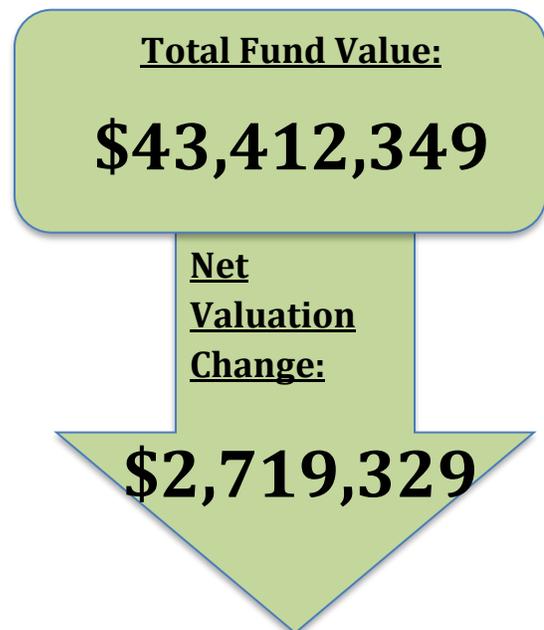
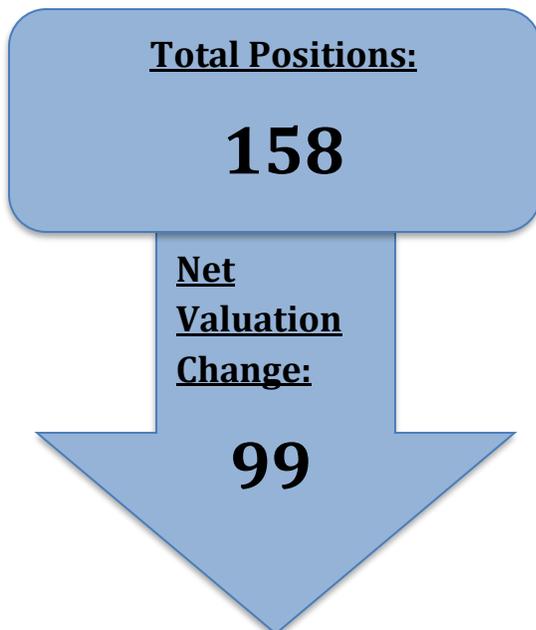
Initial Investment: April 2020

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### Investment Pipeline

In Q2 2025, through our proprietary platform, Wendal®, we received applications from **636 companies** across **41 U.S. states**, highlighting the continued opportunity for startup activity. In addition to inbound applications, we reviewed several additional opportunities through referrals and direct sourcing efforts—spanning both new investments and follow-on opportunities within our existing portfolio. This consistent flow of high-quality opportunities enables us to remain selective, focusing our efforts on startups that align with our long-term investment thesis and demonstrate the potential for attractive impact and returns.

### Valuation Movement





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### Selected News from the Portfolio

- [Freddy's Partners with 86 Repairs](#)
- [Abre Founder, Chris Rose - Business of Learning Podcast - Data Drives Change](#)
- [Kartel Launches With \\$2 Million And Human-Centric AI To Disrupt Media Production](#)
- [Beyond the Device: Neopenda's Human-Centered Approach to Health Tech](#)

### M&A Activity

We are not reporting any M&A activity within our portfolio this quarter.

### Distribution Activity

#### Fund Flows

During the second quarter of 2025, the Fund recorded \$4.8 million in new capital contributions and \$500,000 in redemptions, resulting in positive net flows. This continued momentum reflects growing investor interest in diversified, early-stage venture exposure through a liquid, accessible structure. We view this as a strong signal of confidence in the Fund's strategy and positioning amid broader market uncertainty.

#### Custodial Platform Access and RIA Distribution

In Q2 2025, we continued to expand the Fund's footprint across leading custodial platforms, including the successful addition of one of the two largest RIA custodians. As of June 30, 2025, VCAFX is available for trading and custody through the following platforms:

- [Axos Advisor Services](#)
- [SEI Trust Company](#)
- [Matrix Trust Company](#)
- [Inspira Financial](#)
- [Fidelity/National Financial Services](#)

Enhancing platform accessibility remains a core pillar of our distribution strategy as we scale access to early-stage venture investing for RIAs, wealth managers, and advisory platforms nationwide.

### Business Travel and Market Engagement

#### Q2 2025 Travel Highlights

In the second quarter of 2025, members of the team actively engaged with key stakeholders across the venture, asset management, and RIA communities:



- [Great Lakes Venture Summit](#) – French Lick, IN – In June, Brad connected with fellow investors, including locals like [Chad Summe](#) of [eGateway Capital](#) & [Tim Schigel](#) of [Refinery Ventures](#), explored deals across the region, and gained insights into the evolving private capital landscape.



- [Southeast Venture Showcase](#) – Nashville, TN – In April, Chris participated in the showcase, meeting early-stage startups and co-investors from across the Southeast.
- [NY Fintech Week](#) – New York, NY – In April, JD participated in a Reverse Investor Pitch informing the audience of our differentiated investment process leveraging Wendal and engaged directly with fintech founders, fintech investors, and experts.



- [Fintech + Insurtech Generations](#) – Charlotte, NC – In June, JD participated in a panel discussion with [Jack Benedict](#) of [Thomson Reuters Ventures](#) and [Amit Chaube](#) of [Santander Investment Bank](#), moderated by [Lohita Chamarti](#) of [RevTech Labs Capital](#). The discussion provided founders in attendance three different perspectives from investors at different stages how to build startups for fundraising success.

#### Recent Travel (Q3 2025)

- [Chicago Tech Week](#) – Chicago, IL – Chris traveled to TechChicago Week to immerse in one of the Midwest's fastest-growing innovation ecosystems—meeting founders, investors, and community leaders who are shaping the future of tech in Chicago and beyond.



*If you're a financial advisor who enjoys connecting over golf, check out MJ's [Golf Outing Guy Events](#) – a great way to network, unwind, and stay plugged into the wealth management community.*

#### Upcoming Travel (Q3 2025)

- New York, NY – [Finovate Fall](#) (September 8 – 10)
- Nashville, TN – [3686 Conference](#) (September 8 – 10)
- Orlando, FL – (September 10 – 15)
- Indianapolis, IN – [Rally](#) (September 24 – 25)
- Fayetteville, AR – [Startup Crawl](#) (September 26)

#### Call for Recommendations

We welcome any recommendations for potential connections, upcoming events, or local experiences in the cities listed above. Shared introductions, strategic referrals, and industry insights are always appreciated as we continue to expand our network across the venture, RIA, and asset management ecosystems.



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### Closing Remarks

**Thank you for your continued trust in Connetic RIA and the Connetic Venture Capital Access Fund.** While headline venture data may suggest contraction, we believe this is a time of recalibration—a reset that rewards disciplined capital, resilient founders, and long-term conviction.

Today, we see similar dynamics at play, especially in AI and infrastructure technologies. As Mark Cuban recently noted, in the coming decade [“hoarding talent and intellectual property will be king.”](#) We agree, and we believe the next **great companies are ready to be found, being built right now by founders with conviction, speed, and defensible innovation.**

**At the Connetic Ventures Capital Access Fund, we are leaning in.** We remain committed to leveraging our proprietary sourcing engine and behavioral insights to identify winning teams early, often outside of traditional VC strongholds. We remain focused on building a differentiated portfolio of startups positioned not just to survive this cycle, but to define the next one. We're grateful to have you alongside us on that journey.

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### Disclosures

The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on September 11, 2023. The Fund acquired all the assets and liabilities of 908 Investments LLC (the “Predecessor Fund”), a private fund that merged into the Fund, in a tax-free reorganization on October 2, 2024 (the “Reorganization”). In connection with the Reorganization, interests in the Predecessor Fund were exchanged for Class I Shares of the Fund. The Predecessor Fund had an investment objective and strategies that were, in all material respects, similar to those of the Fund and were managed in a manner that, in all material respects, complied with the investment guidelines and restrictions of the Fund. Connetic RIA LLC (the “Adviser” or “Connetic Ventures”) managed the Predecessor Fund.

The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company designed for long-term investors. The Fund is neither a liquid investment nor a trading vehicle. You should not invest in the Fund if you need a liquid investment. Closed-end funds differ from open-end management investment companies (commonly known as mutual funds) in that investors in a closed-end fund do not have the right to redeem their shares daily.

The Fund intends to primarily invest in securities of private, early-stage, venture-backed growth companies. There are significant potential risks relating to investing in such securities. Because most of the securities in which the Fund invests are not publicly traded, the Fund's investments will be valued by the Adviser pursuant to fair valuation procedures and methodologies adopted by the Board of Trustees, as set forth in the prospectus. As a consequence, the value of the securities, and therefore the Fund's Net Asset Value (“NAV”), may vary. There are significant potential risks associated with investing in private, venture capital investments with complex capitals structures. The Fund focuses on creating a large, diversified portfolio in an attempt to reduce risk compared to a smaller, concentrated portfolio. There is a greater focus in technology securities that could adversely affect the Fund's performance. The Fund's quarterly repurchase policy may require the Fund to liquidate portfolio holdings earlier than the Adviser would otherwise do so and may also result in an increase in the Fund's expense ratio. Portfolio holdings of private companies that become publicly traded likely will be subject to more volatile market fluctuations than when private, and the Fund may not be able to sell shares at favorable prices. Such companies frequently impose lock-ups that would prohibit the Fund from selling shares for a period after an initial public offering (“IPO”). Market prices of public securities held by the Fund may decline substantially before the Adviser is able to sell the securities. Certain conflicts of interest involving the Fund and its affiliates could impact the Fund's investment returns and limit the flexibility of its investment policies. This is not a complete enumeration of the Fund's risks.

Please read the Fund prospectus for other risk factors related to the Fund.

- Shares are not listed for trading on any securities exchange, and you should not expect to be able to sell Shares in a secondary market transaction. Even though the Fund makes quarterly repurchase offers for its outstanding Shares (expected to be 5% per quarter, which is the minimum amount permitted), investors should consider Shares of the Fund to be an illiquid investment.



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- The Fund is designed for long-term investors. An investment in the Fund may not be suitable for you if you need the money you invest within a specified period.
- The amount of distributions the Fund may pay, if any, is uncertain. There is no assurance that the Fund will be able to maintain a certain level of distributions to shareholders.
- The Fund's investments may require several years to appreciate in value, and there is no assurance that such appreciation will occur.
- Investing in the Shares may be speculative and involve a high degree of risk, including the risks associated with venture capital investing and the potential loss of your entire investment. See "Risks" below in this prospectus.

*The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company. Please read it carefully before investing. A hard copy of the prospectus can be requested by calling 844-434-6493.*

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