

# VICTORY MARKET NEUTRAL INCOME FUND QUARTERLY COMMENTARY



As of June 30, 2025

## Investment Strategy

The Victory Market Neutral Income Fund utilizes a proprietary “market neutral” investment strategy designed to seek high current income from its investments while maintaining a low correlation to foreign and domestic equity and bond markets.

The Fund uses a multi-strategy approach. First, the Fund invests in securities of the Nasdaq Victory High Dividend Volatility Weighted Indexes. The allocation to each Nasdaq Victory High Dividend Volatility Weighted Index is equally weighted. Second, the Fund seeks to offset equity market risk by shorting high-correlating equity index futures contracts, such as the S&P 500®, Russell 2000®, or MSCI EAFE and Emerging Markets indexes, or ETFs that track such indices. The Fund may also allocate to a basket of options and/or futures to offset basis risk of long positions in high-dividend stocks and short positions in equity index futures.

The Fund’s investments in foreign or domestic dividend-producing equity securities may include securities of any market capitalization size that are included in the Nasdaq Victory High Dividend Volatility Weighted Indexes.

## The Fund seeks to achieve three main goals:

1. An alternative income stream to fixed income
2. A risk profile similar to traditional bonds
3. Low correlation to stocks and bonds

## Strategy Update

The Victory Market Neutral Income Fund (I shares at NAV) was up 2.05% in the quarter, while the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bellwether 3-month Index was up 1.05%.

The Fund’s positive total return was driven by the Overlay Strategy’s performance and positive contribution from cash, while the Global High Dividend Long/Short portfolio detracted from the results.

Performance within the Global High Dividend Long/Short portfolio varied by region as the International and Emerging Markets sleeves generated positive returns, offsetting negative returns in the U.S. Large and Small Cap sleeves.

The Overlay Strategy contributed positively overall, with the long NASDAQ 100 futures position outperforming the short S&P 500 futures position.

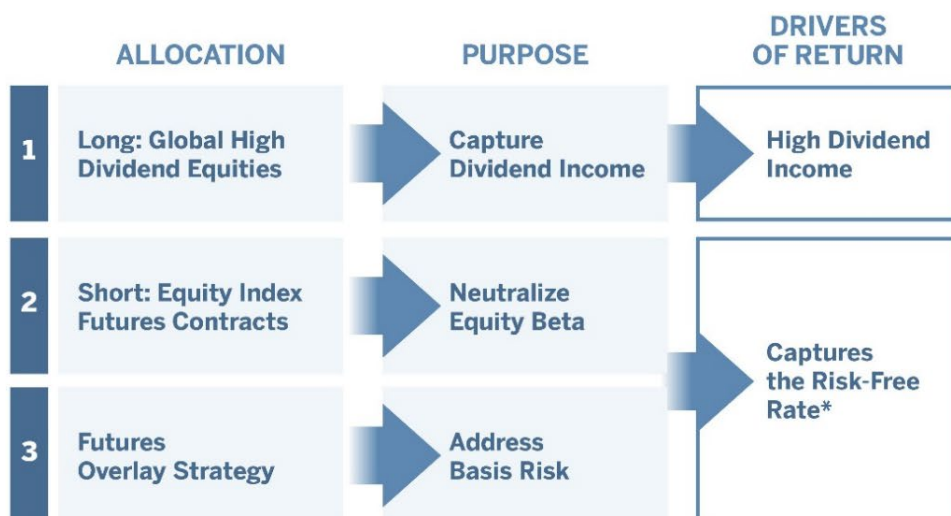
## Investment Performance (%)

Average Annual Returns as of June 30, 2025

Victory Market Neutral Income Fund	Ticker	Inception Date	Q2 2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	Expense Ratio Gross	Expense Ratio Net
A Shares, without sales charge	CBHAX	11/19/12	1.98	5.51	7.92	4.49	3.35	2.68	0.76	0.76
A Shares, with sales charge (max. 5.75%)	CBHAX	11/19/12	-3.92	-0.51	1.75	2.44	2.13	2.20	0.76	0.76
C Shares	CBHCX	11/19/12	1.82	5.13	7.16	3.73	2.57	2.18	1.68	1.51
I Shares	CBHIX	11/19/12	2.05	5.62	8.20	4.84	3.68	3.00	0.58	0.41
Member Shares	CBHMX	11/2/20	2.03	5.60	8.12	4.69	–	3.93	0.73	0.56
Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bellwethers 3-Month Index	–	–	1.05	2.10	4.73	4.64	2.81	–	–	–

**Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance quoted represents past performance and current performance may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor’s shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, visit [www.vcm.com](http://www.vcm.com).** Returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements were in place for some or all periods shown, without which, fund performance would have been lower. Class C Shares are subject to a deferred sales charge of 1.00% on shares redeemed within the first year. Performance would have been lower if it reflected this charge for the applicable period(s). Net expense ratio reflects the contractual waiver and/or reimbursement of management fees through October 31, 2025.

Source: Victory Capital



### The Fund employs a simple and repeatable methodology

1. Capture income from a global portfolio of high-dividend paying stocks.
2. Neutralize equity beta, by hedging with highly liquid core broad market index futures.
3. Address remaining basis risk with a futures overlay strategy.

The Fund undergoes systematic monthly rebalancing to ensure it remains optimally positioned without relying on market timing.

**Dividend stocks** generate attractive levels of income while the risk-free rate\* enhances the potential return on the strategy's futures contracts and the potential yield received on the cash collateral posted for futures trading.

\*The risk-free rate is the interest rate an investor can expect to earn on an investment that carries zero risk. In practice, the risk-free rate is commonly considered to equal to the interest paid on a 3-month government Treasury bill, generally the safest investment an investor can make.

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Not all share classes are available to all investors.

#### All investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principal.

International investments may involve risk of capital loss from unfavorable fluctuation in currency values, from differences in generally accepted accounting principles or from economic or political instability in other nations. Investments in small- and mid-cap companies typically exhibit higher volatility. Dividends are never guaranteed. The Fund may frequently change its holdings, resulting in higher fees, lower returns, and more capital gains. Derivatives may not work as intended and may result in losses. The value of your investment is also subject to geopolitical risks such as wars, terrorism, trade disputes, environmental disasters, and public health crises; the risk of technology malfunctions or disruptions; and the responses to such events by governments and/or individual companies.

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**Basis risk** is the financial risk that offsetting investments in a hedging strategy will not experience price changes in entirely opposite directions from each other. **Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or portfolio relative to the market or a benchmark. **Correlation** measures the degree to which two securities move in relation to each other. Perfect positive correlation (correlation coefficient +1) implies that both securities move in lockstep. Perfect negative correlation (-1) means that two assets move in opposite directions, while a zero correlation implies no relationship at all. **Overlay strategy** uses derivative investment vehicles to obtain, offset or substitute specific portfolio exposures that are beyond those provided by the underlying portfolio assets. **Volatility weighting methodology** weights stocks based on volatility, or risk, in an effort to spread the risk more evenly across the constituents of an index. **The Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bellwethers 3-month Index** measures monthly return equivalents of yield averages that are not market to market and consists of the last three three-month Treasury bill issues.

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