

# IPS Strategic Capital Absolute Return Fund Institutional Class

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### SEMI-ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER REPORT

#### August 31, 2024

This semi-annual shareholder report contains important information about IPS Strategic Capital Absolute Return Fund (the "Fund") for the period of March 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at www.investpsfunds.com. You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-866-959-9260.

## What were the Fund costs for the six months? (based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund	Costs of a \$10,000 Investment	Costs Paid as a Percentage of a \$10,000 Investment	
IPS Strategic Capital		_	
Absolute Return Fund	\$79.33	1.51%	

#### Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

The Fund's overall performance has been strong due to a combination of strategic options placement, risk management, and beta rebalancing. Over the 12-month period ended August 31, 2024, the Fund had strong performance, ranking in the top quartile of comparable funds.

Key strategies used to achieve these results include:

<u>Treasury Bills and Box Spreads</u>: IPS Strategic Capital, Inc. (the "Adviser") utilized higher interest rates on Treasury Bills and OCC-cleared box spreads to finance a synthetic portfolio of long calls and puts. This structure allowed the Fund to benefit from the prevailing interest rate environment while maintaining a flexible portfolio.

<u>Positive Theta from Put Bear Spreads</u>: Elevated VIX levels presented an opportunity for the Adviser to overwrite put bear spreads, which provided positive theta (time decay benefit) while simultaneously offering downside protection and a negative delta (hedging against market downturns). (VIX represents cost of options.)

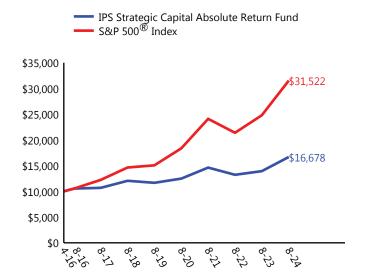
<u>Positive Gamma Portfolio</u>: The Fund maintained a positive gamma, which enhanced its ability to participate in market rallies while reducing exposure during downturns. This flexibility allowed the portfolio to capitalize on market volatility more effectively than a static strategy. (Gamma represents how the profit/loss of the portfolio will reduce risk in a down market and increase market participation in an up market. Gamma is the mechanism that causes beta to rise in up markets and fall in down markets providing a perfect hedge to the portfolio.)

<u>Beta Management</u>: The Adviser actively managed the Fund's beta, increasing it during downtrends to capture rebounds and reducing it during uptrends to protect gains. This active rebalancing helped the Fund avoid the common pitfalls associated with traditional momentum strategies, providing a smoother performance trajectory. (Beta is the sensitivity of the portfolio to the general market. If the market is rising, you want your beta to rise. If the market is falling, you want your beta to fall.)

The successful implementation of these strategies resulted in the Fund outperforming its peer group, achieving top-quartile performance during the one-year period analyzed. By leveraging high interest rates, using creative options strategies, and actively managing beta, the portfolio manager maximized returns while effectively controlling risk. This approach allowed the Fund to capture more gains during market upswings and limit losses during downturns, demonstrating a well-rounded and highly effective investment strategy.

#### How did the Fund perform since Inception?

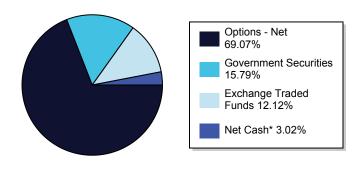
The Fund's past performance is not a good predictor of the Fund's future performance. The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or redemption of fund shares.



#### **Average Annual Total Returns**

	One Year	Five Years	(04/15/2016)
IPS Strategic Capital			
Absolute Return Fund	19.73%	7.42%	6.30%
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index	27.14%	15.92%	14.69%
Fund Statistics			
Net Assets (\$)		\$5	3,142,588
Number of Portfolio Holdings		50	
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)		23%	
Total Advisory Fees Paid (\$)		\$257,610	

### What did the Fund invest in? Sectors (% of net assets)



<sup>\*</sup> Net Cash represents money market funds and other assets in excess of liabilities.

#### **Availability of Additional Information about the Fund**

For additional information about the Fund, including its Prospectus, Statement of Additional Information, financial statements, holdings and proxy information, please visit www.investpsfunds.com.

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