



# THE PIEDMONT SELECT

*equity fund*

## **Annual Report**

March 31, 2017

This report and the financial statements contained herein are submitted for the general information of the shareholders of The Piedmont Select Equity Fund (the "Fund"). This report is not authorized for distribution to prospective investors in the Fund unless preceded or accompanied by an effective prospectus. Mutual fund shares are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are not insured by the FDIC, Federal Reserve Board or any other agency, and are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal amount invested. Neither the Fund nor the Fund's distributor is a bank.



# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Letter to Shareholders

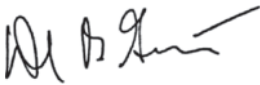
May 16, 2017

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, the Piedmont Select Equity Fund (the "Fund") had another good year on an absolute basis but not on a relative basis versus its benchmark. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 17.17% and the Fund was up 10.74%. Our three largest winners were Papa John's International, up 58.23%, which has been a featured winner on a number of occasions. Also, Copart, Inc. and Microchip Technology, Inc. were up 56.5% and 54.76%, respectively. We have mentioned Copart several times in the past and Microchip Technology has benefited from the recent outperformance of the technology sector and, particularly, the semi-conductor stocks.

Tractor Supply Co. was our largest loser at -21.47% as the retail industry has remarkably underperformed the market. The company has not been able to avoid some impact from the "Amazonation" of world retail stocks affecting both sales and earnings. Arguably, both the product lines (animal feed and equipment) and the store locations (mostly rural) should help lessen the effect but we are watching this company closely. Allergan plc was our next largest loser at -9.01% but continues to be a large holding. Our cost basis in this stock is quite low and we still have a great deal of confidence in the company's drug backlog and management. The biggest negative is the larger holdings in the company by hedge funds as they tend not to be the best kind of stockholders to be alongside of as they are quick sellers. Walt Disney Co. at -8.68% was our third largest loser and we sold the stock when we became concerned that the great franchise value of the theme parks and movies could not overcome the loss of market share of the cable and television networks. We continue to watch Disney as it is the kind of company we like to hold long-term.

Overall, it has been a good year. As we had begun to fear the election of Hillary Clinton, we shorted some defense stocks as a hedge, which turned out to be unnecessary, but we closed out those positions with only modest losses and felt it was a prudent hedge as defense expenditures have not ever improved in a Democratic administration. We had also reduced the amount of cash we were holding so the first quarter of the new calendar year has shown some reasonable gains of +5.46%. However, valuations of individual companies do look stretched and we are watching carefully to judge if we should return to our comfortable levels of cash in order to maintain the lower risk profile we feel is most appropriate given our shareholder profile. Over the last five calendar years, the Fund's return has averaged nearly 10% per year.

Sincerely,



David B. Gilbert

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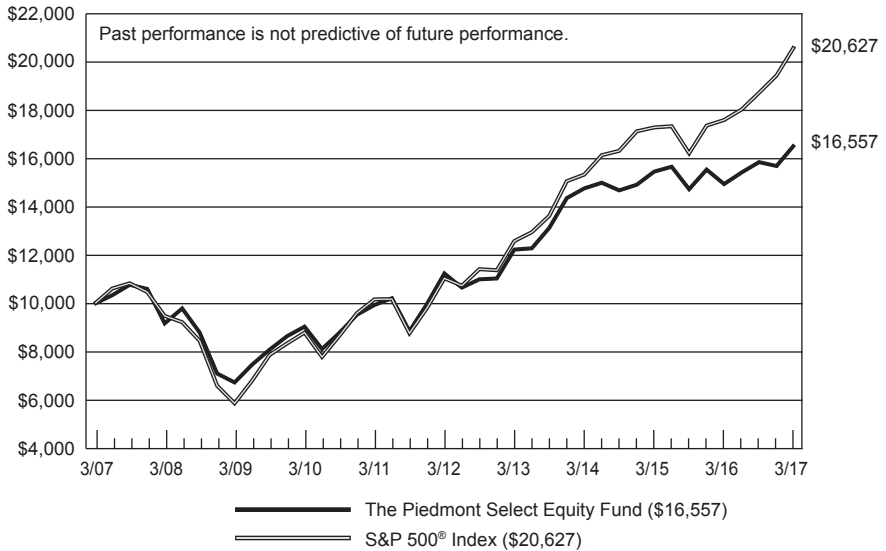
*An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The Fund's prospectus contains this and other important information. To obtain a copy of the Fund's prospectus please call 1-888-859-5865 and a copy will be sent to you free of charge or download a copy at [www.piedmontselectequityfund.com](http://www.piedmontselectequityfund.com). Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest. The Fund is distributed by Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC.*

The Letter to Shareholders seeks to describe some of the Adviser's current opinions and views of the financial markets. Although the Adviser believes it has a reasonable basis for any opinions or views expressed, actual results may differ, sometimes significantly so, from those expected or expressed.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Performance Information (Unaudited)

### Comparison of the Change in Value of a \$10,000 Investment in The Piedmont Select Equity Fund and the S&P 500® Index



	Average Annual Total Returns (for periods ended March 31, 2017)		
	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
The Piedmont Select Equity Fund <sup>(a)</sup>	10.74%	8.04%	5.17%
S&P 500® Index	17.17%	13.30%	7.51%

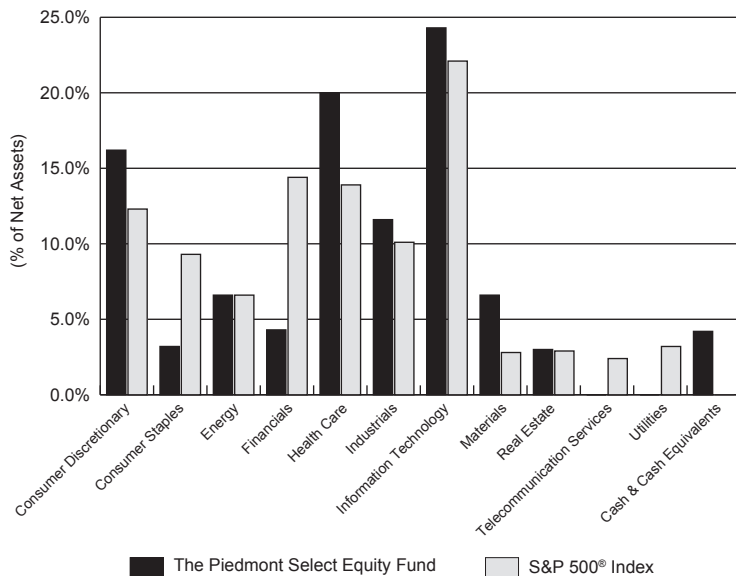
<sup>(a)</sup> The total returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Portfolio Holdings

March 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

### The Piedmont Select Equity Fund vs. S&P 500® Index Sector Exposure



### Top 10 Long Positions

Security Description	% of Net Assets
Facebook, Inc. - Class A	4.6%
Allergan plc	4.4%
Visa, Inc. - Class A	4.4%
Quintiles IMS Holdings, Inc.	4.3%
Alphabet, Inc. - Class C	4.1%
Copart, Inc.	4.0%
Cardinal Health, Inc.	4.0%
Microchip Technology, Inc.	3.9%
Waters Corp.	3.8%
Ecolab, Inc.	3.8%

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## Schedule of Investments

March 31, 2017

Shares	COMMON STOCKS — 96.0%	Value
	<b>Consumer Discretionary — 16.2%</b>	
	<i>Distributors — 3.0%</i>	
25,000	LKQ Corp. * .....	\$ 731,750
	<i>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure — 3.3%</i>	
10,000	Papa John's International, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	800,400
	<i>Specialty Retail — 6.7%</i>	
14,000	CarMax, Inc.* .....	829,080
12,000	Tractor Supply Co. ....	827,640
		<u>1,656,720</u>
	<i>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods — 3.2%</i>	
14,000	NIKE, Inc. - Class B .....	780,220
	<b>Consumer Staples — 3.2%</b>	
	<i>Food Products — 3.2%</i>	
6,000	J.M. Smucker Co. (The) .....	786,480
	<b>Energy — 6.6%</b>	
	<i>Energy Equipment &amp; Services — 3.3%</i>	
7,000	Core Laboratories N.V. ....	808,640
	<i>Oil, Gas &amp; Consumable Fuels — 3.3%</i>	
18,000	Continental Resources, Inc.* .....	817,560
	<b>Financials — 4.3%</b>	
	<i>Banks — 2.4%</i>	
10,000	Citigroup, Inc. ....	598,200
	<i>Capital Markets — 1.9%</i>	
10,000	Lazard Ltd. - Class A .....	459,900
	<b>Health Care — 20.1%</b>	
	<i>Health Care Providers &amp; Services — 6.8%</i>	
12,000	Cardinal Health, Inc. ....	978,600
4,000	Henry Schein, Inc. * .....	679,880
		<u>1,658,480</u>
	<i>Life Sciences Tools &amp; Services — 8.1%</i>	
13,000	Quintiles IMS Holdings, Inc. * .....	1,046,890
6,000	Waters Corp. * .....	937,860
		<u>1,984,750</u>

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Schedule of Investments (Continued)

Shares	COMMON STOCKS — 96.0% (Continued)	Value
	<b>Health Care — 20.1% (Continued)</b>	
	<i>Pharmaceuticals — 5.2%</i>	
4,500	Allergan plc .....	\$ 1,075,140
6,000	Roche Holding AG - ADR .....	192,180
		<u>1,267,320</u>
	<b>Industrials — 11.6%</b>	
	<i>Air Freight &amp; Logistics — 3.2%</i>	
14,000	Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. ....	<u>790,860</u>
	<i>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies — 5.7%</i>	
15,856	Copart, Inc. * .....	981,962
5,000	Stericycle, Inc. * .....	414,450
		<u>1,396,412</u>
	<i>Construction &amp; Engineering — 2.7%</i>	
21,000	Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. N.V. ....	<u>645,750</u>
	<b>Information Technology — 24.4%</b>	
	<i>Internet Software &amp; Services — 8.7%</i>	
1,203	Alphabet, Inc. - Class C * .....	997,961
8,000	Facebook, Inc. - Class A * .....	1,136,400
		<u>2,134,361</u>
	<i>IT Services — 4.4%</i>	
12,000	Visa, Inc. - Class A <sup>(a)</sup> .....	<u>1,066,440</u>
	<i>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment — 3.9%</i>	
13,000	Microchip Technology, Inc. ....	<u>959,140</u>
	<i>Software — 7.4%</i>	
8,000	Intuit, Inc. ....	927,920
10,000	ServiceNow, Inc. * .....	874,700
		<u>1,802,620</u>
	<b>Materials — 6.6%</b>	
	<i>Chemicals — 6.6%</i>	
7,443	Ecolab, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> .....	932,906
6,000	Monsanto Co. ....	679,200
		<u>1,612,106</u>
	<b>Real Estate — 3.0%</b>	
	<i>Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) — 3.0%</i>	
12,000	W. P. Carey, Inc. ....	<u>746,640</u>
	<b>Total Common Stocks (Cost \$14,934,752) .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,504,749</b>



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### Schedule of Investments (Continued)

Shares	MONEY MARKET FUNDS — 4.2%	Value
1,019,108	First American Government Obligations Fund - Class Z, 0.61% <sup>(b)</sup> (Cost \$1,019,108) .....	\$ 1,019,108
	<b>Total Investments at Value — 100.2%</b> (Cost \$15,953,860) ..	\$ 24,523,857
	<b>Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets — (0.2%)</b> .....	(39,969)
	<b>Net Assets — 100.0%</b> .....	<u>\$ 24,483,888</u>

ADR - American Depositary Receipt

\* Non-income producing security.

<sup>(a)</sup> All or a portion of the security is held as collateral for open short positions.

<sup>(b)</sup> The rate shown is the 7-day effective yield as of March 31, 2017.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

March 31, 2017

### ASSETS

Investments in securities:	
At cost .....	\$ 15,953,860
At value (Note 2) .....	\$ 24,523,857
Cash .....	1,250
Deposits with broker for securities sold short (Note 2) .....	1,678
Dividends receivable .....	32,583
Other assets .....	13,227
Total assets .....	<u>24,572,595</u>

### LIABILITIES

Payable for capital shares redeemed .....	50,000
Payable to Advisor (Note 5) .....	12,453
Payable to administrator (Note 5) .....	6,840
Other accrued expenses .....	19,414
Total liabilities .....	<u>88,707</u>

**NET ASSETS** ..... \$ 24,483,888

### NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

Paid-in capital .....	\$ 14,615,289
Accumulated net investment loss .....	(50,989)
Undistributed net realized gains from investments .....	1,349,591
Net unrealized appreciation on investments .....	8,569,997

**NET ASSETS** ..... \$ 24,483,888

Shares of beneficial interest outstanding  
(unlimited number of shares authorized, no par value) ..... 1,584,545

Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per share (Note 2) ..... \$ 15.45

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended March 31, 2017

### INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividend income (Net of foreign tax of \$2,482) ..... \$ 230,998

### EXPENSES

Investment advisory fees (Note 5) .....	224,840
Administration fees (Note 5) .....	37,549
Professional fees .....	37,322
Fund accounting fees (Note 5) .....	32,501
Registration and filing fees .....	25,537
Insurance expense .....	14,427
Transfer agent fees (Note 5) .....	12,000
Custody and bank service fees .....	8,504
Trustees' fees (Note 5) .....	7,900
Distributor services fees (Note 5) .....	6,000
Postage and supplies .....	3,753
Printing of shareholder reports .....	3,305
Dividend expense on securities sold short (Note 2) .....	2,403
Brokerage expense on securities sold short (Note 2) .....	945
Other expenses .....	6,027
Total expenses .....	423,013
Less fees waived by the Advisor (Note 5) .....	(82,416)
Net expenses .....	340,597

**NET INVESTMENT LOSS** ..... (109,599)

### REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gains (losses) from:	
Investments .....	1,647,583
Securities sold short .....	(44,974)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments .....	1,004,424

**NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS** ..... 2,607,033

**NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS** ..... \$ 2,497,434

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended March 31, 2017	Year Ended March 31, 2016
<b>FROM OPERATIONS</b>		
Net investment loss .....	\$ (109,599)	\$ (89,273)
Net realized gains (losses) from:		
Investments .....	1,647,583	2,675,087
Securities sold short .....	(44,974)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments .....	1,004,424	(3,417,007)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations .....	<u>2,497,434</u>	<u>(831,193)</u>
<b>FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS</b>		
From net realized gains on investments .....	<u>(1,733,950)</u>	<u>(2,110,048)</u>
<b>FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Proceeds from shares sold .....	32,500	51,825
Reinvestment of distributions to shareholders .....	311,314	434,339
Payments for shares redeemed .....	<u>(1,048,179)</u>	<u>(430,437)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions .....	<u>(704,365)</u>	<u>55,727</u>
<b>TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS .....</b>	59,119	(2,885,514)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning of year .....	<u>24,424,769</u>	<u>27,310,283</u>
End of year .....	<u>\$ 24,483,888</u>	<u>\$ 24,424,769</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED NET INVESTMENT LOSS .....</b>	<u>\$ (50,989)</u>	<u>\$ (21,952)</u>
<b>CAPITAL SHARE ACTIVITY</b>		
Shares sold .....	2,047	3,191
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions to shareholders .....	21,250	27,860
Shares redeemed .....	<u>(67,990)</u>	<u>(27,149)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in shares outstanding .....	(44,693)	3,902
Shares outstanding, beginning of year .....	<u>1,629,238</u>	<u>1,625,336</u>
Shares outstanding, end of year .....	<u>1,584,545</u>	<u>1,629,238</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Financial Highlights

### Per Share Data for a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Year

	Year Ended March 31, 2017	Year Ended March 31, 2016	Year Ended March 31, 2015	Year Ended March 31, 2014	Year Ended March 31, 2013
Net asset value at beginning of year .....	\$ 14.99	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.44	\$ 13.62	\$ 12.52
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment loss .....	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.03)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments .....	1.62	(0.46)	0.81	2.88	1.13
Total from investment operations .....	1.55	(0.51)	0.76	2.82	1.10
Less distributions:					
From net realized gains on investments .....	(1.09)	(1.30)	(0.40)	—	—
Net asset value at end of year .....	\$ 15.45	\$ 14.99	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.44	\$ 13.62
Total return <sup>(a)</sup> .....	10.74%	(3.33%)	4.70%	20.70%	8.79%
Net assets at end of year (000's) .....	\$ 24,484	\$ 24,425	\$ 27,310	\$ 27,956	\$ 24,113
Ratios/supplementary data:					
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets .....	1.69%	1.66%	1.67%	1.72%	1.82%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup> .....	1.36% <sup>(c)</sup>	1.35%	1.39% <sup>(c)</sup>	1.38% <sup>(c)</sup>	1.38% <sup>(c)</sup>
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup> .....	(0.44%)	(0.34%)	(0.29%)	(0.37%)	(0.25%)
Portfolio turnover rate .....	45%	33%	13%	24%	43%

<sup>(a)</sup> Total return is a measure of the change in value of an investment in the Fund over the years covered, which assumes any dividends or capital gains distributions, if any, are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

<sup>(b)</sup> Ratio was determined after advisory fee waivers (Note 5).

<sup>(c)</sup> The ratio of net expenses to average net assets is greater than the expense limit of 1.35% due to dividend and brokerage expense on securities sold short and interest expense, if any (Note 5).

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 2017

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### 1. Organization

The Piedmont Select Equity Fund (the “Fund”) is a non-diversified series of The Piedmont Investment Trust (the “Trust”), which is organized as a Delaware Statutory Trust and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) as an open-end management investment company. The Fund commenced the public offering of its shares on April 26, 2005.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long-term growth of capital.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the Fund’s significant accounting policies used in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). As an investment company, as defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Update 2013-08, the Fund follows accounting and reporting guidance under FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, “Financial Services – Investment Companies.”

In October 2016, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) released its final rule on Investment Company Reporting Modernization (the “Rule”). The Rule which introduces two new regulatory reporting forms for investment companies – Form N-PORT and Form N-CEN, also contains amendments to Regulation S-X which impact financial statement presentation, particularly the presentation of derivative investments. Although still evaluating the impact of the Rule, management believes that many of the Regulation S-X amendments are consistent with the Fund’s current financial statement presentation and expects that the Fund will be able to comply with the Rule’s Regulation S-X amendments by the August 1, 2017 compliance date.

**Securities Valuation** — The valuation of portfolio securities is determined in accordance with procedures established by, and under the direction of, the Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”). In calculating the Fund’s net asset value, portfolio securities are generally calculated at market value using quotations from the primary market in which they are traded. The Fund normally uses pricing services to obtain market quotations. Securities and assets for which representative market quotations are not readily available or which cannot be accurately valued using the Fund’s normal pricing procedures are valued at fair value as determined in good faith under policies approved by the Trustees and will be classified as Level 2 or 3 within the fair value hierarchy (see below), depending on the inputs used. Fair value pricing may be used, for example, in situations where (i) a portfolio security, such as a mid-cap stock, is so thinly traded that there have been no transactions for that stock over an extended period of time; (ii) the exchange on which the portfolio security is principally traded closes early; or (iii) trading of the particular portfolio security is halted during the day and does not resume prior to the Fund’s net asset value calculation. Pursuant to policies adopted by the Trustees, the investment advisor is responsible for notifying the Trustees (or the Trust’s Fair Value Committee) when it believes that fair value pricing is required for a particular security. The Fund’s policies regarding fair value pricing are intended to result in a calculation of the Fund’s net asset

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## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

value that fairly reflects portfolio security values as of the time of pricing. A portfolio security's "fair value" price may differ from the price next available for that portfolio security using the Fund's normal pricing procedures. The Fund may be unable to receive the portfolio security's fair value if the Fund should sell the security. The Trustees monitor and evaluate the Fund's use of fair value pricing and periodically review the results of any fair valuation under the Fund's policies.

GAAP establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2017:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks .....	\$ 23,504,749	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 23,504,749
Money Market Funds .....	1,019,108	—	—	1,019,108
Total .....	<u>\$ 24,523,857</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 24,523,857</u>

Refer to the Fund's Schedule of Investments for a listing of the common stocks by industry type. As of March 31, 2017, the Fund did not have any transfers into and out of any Level. In addition, the Fund did not have any derivative instruments or assets or liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) as of March 31, 2017. It is the Fund's policy to recognize transfers into and out of any Level at the end of the reporting period.

**Share Valuation** — The net asset value of the Fund's shares is calculated daily by dividing the total value of the Fund's assets, less liabilities, by the number of shares outstanding. The offering price and redemption price per share are equal to the net asset value per share.

**Investment Transactions** — Investment transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gains and losses on securities sold are determined on a specific identification basis, which is the same basis used for federal income tax purposes.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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**Investment Income** — Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is accrued as earned. Discounts and premiums on fixed income securities are amortized using the effective interest method. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been recorded in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the appropriate country's rules and tax rates.

**Securities Sold Short** — The Fund may sell securities short for economic hedging purposes. For financial statement purposes, an amount equal to the settlement amount is included on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as an asset and an equivalent liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current value of the short position. Subsequent fluctuations in the market prices of securities sold, but not yet purchased, may require purchasing the securities at prices which may differ from the market value reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund is liable for any dividends payable on securities while those securities are in a short position. As collateral for its short positions, the Fund is required under the 1940 Act to maintain assets consisting of cash, cash equivalents or liquid securities. The amount of the collateral is required to be adjusted daily to reflect changes in the value of the securities sold short. The broker may charge interest if a specified portion of the collateral is not held in cash. As of March 31, 2017, the Fund had no outstanding securities sold short.

**Dividends and Distributions** — Distributions to shareholders arising from net investment income and from net realized capital gains (if any) are declared and paid at least annually. The amount of distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. These "book/tax" differences are either temporary or permanent in nature. Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The tax character of the Fund's distributions paid during the years ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 was long-term capital gains.

**Estimates** — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. Federal Income Tax

The Fund has qualified and intends to continue to qualify each year as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Qualification generally will relieve the Fund of liability for federal income taxes to the extent 100% of its net investment income and net realized capital gains are distributed in accordance with the Code.

In order to avoid imposition of the excise tax applicable to regulated investment companies, it is also the Fund's intention to declare as dividends in each calendar year at least 98% of its net investment income (earned during the calendar year) and 98.2% of its net realized capital gains (earned during the twelve months ended October 31) plus undistributed amounts from prior years.



# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

The following information is computed on a tax basis for each item as of March 31, 2017:

Cost of portfolio investments .....	\$ 15,970,373
Gross unrealized appreciation .....	\$ 8,611,387
Gross unrealized depreciation .....	(57,903)
Net unrealized appreciation .....	8,553,484
Undistributed long-term capital gains .....	1,366,104
Accumulated capital and other losses .....	(50,989)
Distributable earnings .....	<u>\$ 9,868,599</u>

The federal income tax cost of portfolio investments and the tax components of distributable earnings may temporarily differ from the financial statement cost of portfolio investments and components of net assets ("book/tax differences"). These book/tax differences are due to the recognition of capital gains or losses under income tax regulations and GAAP, primarily due to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales.

Net qualified late year ordinary losses incurred after December 31, 2016 and within the taxable year are deemed to arise on the first day of the Fund's next taxable year. For the year ended March 31, 2017, the Fund deferred until April 1, 2017 qualified late year ordinary losses in the amount of \$50,989 for federal income tax purposes.

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the Fund reclassified \$80,562 of net investment loss against paid-in capital on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such reclassification, the result of permanent differences between the financial statement and income tax reporting requirements, has no effect on the Fund's net assets or net asset value per share.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits or expenses of uncertain tax positions only when the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. Management has reviewed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal income tax returns for all open tax years (tax years ended March 31, 2014 through March 31, 2017) and has concluded that no provision for unrecognized tax benefits or expenses is required in these financial statements.

#### 4. Investment Transactions

During the year ended March 31, 2017, cost of purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term investments and U.S. government securities, were \$10,289,533 and \$10,564,201, respectively.

#### 5. Transactions with Related Parties

A Trustee and certain officers of the Trust are also officers of Sheets Smith Wealth Management, Inc. (the "Advisor") or of Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC ("Ultimus"), the Fund's administrator, transfer agent and fund accounting agent, and Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC (the "Distributor"), the Fund's principal underwriter.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT**

Under the terms of an Investment Advisory Agreement between the Trust and the Advisor, the Advisor serves as the investment advisor to the Fund. For its services, the Fund pays the Advisor an investment advisory fee, which is computed and accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.90% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Advisor has entered into an Expense Limitation Agreement ("ELA") with the Fund under which it has agreed to waive its investment advisory fees and to assume other expenses of the Fund, if necessary, in order to limit the Fund's total operating expenses (exclusive of interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, extraordinary expenses, brokerage costs and transaction-related expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, dividend expense on securities sold short and payments, if any, under a Rule 12b-1 Plan) to not more than 1.35% of the Fund's average daily net assets. This ELA is currently in effect until August 1, 2017 and may continue from year-to-year thereafter, provided such continuation is approved by the Trustees. Accordingly, during the year ended March 31, 2017, the Advisor waived investment advisory fees of \$82,416. This amount is not subject to recapture in future periods.

### **COMPENSATION OF TRUSTEES**

Trustees and officers affiliated with the Advisor or Ultimus are not compensated by the Fund for their services. Each Trustee who is not an affiliated person of the Advisor or Ultimus (an "Independent Trustee") receives from the Fund an annual retainer of \$3,000, paid quarterly, a fee of \$250 for attendance at each in-person meeting of the Trustees and a fee of \$150 for attendance at each telephonic meeting of the Trustees. The Fund reimburses each Trustee and officer for his or her travel and other expenses relating to attendance at Board or committee meetings.

### **OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Ultimus provides administration, fund accounting, and transfer agency services to the Fund. The Fund pays Ultimus fees in accordance with the agreements for such services.

Pursuant to the terms of a Distribution Agreement with the Trust, the Distributor serves as the Fund's principal underwriter. The Distributor receives fees from the Fund for such services. The Distributor is an affiliate of Ultimus.

## **6. Contingencies and Commitments**

The Fund indemnifies the Trust's officers and Trustees for certain liabilities that might arise from their performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

# **The Piedmont Select Equity Fund**

## **Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**

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### **7. Subsequent Events**

The Fund is required to recognize in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed as of the date of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. For non-recognized subsequent events that must be disclosed to keep the financial statements from being misleading, the Fund is required to disclose the nature of the event as well as an estimate of its financial effect, or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made. Management has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance of these financial statements and has noted no such events.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

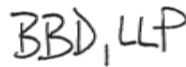
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### To the Board of Trustees of Piedmont Investment Trust and the Shareholders of The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of The Piedmont Select Equity Fund, a series of shares of beneficial interest in Piedmont Investment Trust, (the "**Fund**") including the schedule of investments, as of March 31, 2017, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of March 31, 2017 by correspondence with the custodian. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Piedmont Select Equity Fund as of March 31, 2017, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



**BBD, LLP**

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**May 24, 2017**

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## About Your Fund's Expenses (Unaudited)

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We believe it is important for you to understand the impact of costs on your investment. All mutual funds have operating expenses. As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees and other fund expenses. The following examples are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these ongoing costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

A mutual fund's ongoing costs are expressed as a percentage of its average net assets. This figure is known as the expense ratio. The expenses in the table below are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period (October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017).

The table below illustrates the Fund's ongoing costs in two ways:

**Actual fund return** – This section helps you to estimate the actual expenses that you paid over the period. The “Ending Account Value” shown is derived from the Fund's actual return, and the third column shows the dollar amount of operating expenses that would have been paid by an investor who started with \$1,000 in the Fund. You may use the information here, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period.

To do so, simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number given for the Fund under the heading “Expenses Paid During Period.”

**Hypothetical 5% return** – This section is intended to help you compare the Fund's ongoing costs with those of other mutual funds. It assumes that the Fund had an annual return of 5% before expenses during the period shown, but that the expense ratio is unchanged. In this case, because the return used is not the Fund's actual return, the results do not apply to your investment. The example is useful in making comparisons because the SEC requires all mutual funds to calculate expenses based on a 5% return. You can assess the Fund's ongoing costs by comparing this hypothetical example with the hypothetical examples that appear in shareholder reports of other funds.

Note that expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight and help you compare ongoing costs only. The Fund does not impose any sales loads or redemption fees. The calculations assume no shares were bought or sold during the period. Your actual costs may have been higher or lower, depending on the amount of your investment and the timing of any purchases or redemptions.

## The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

### About Your Fund's Expenses (Unaudited) (Continued)

More information about the Fund's expenses, including historical annual expense ratios, can be found in this report. For additional information on operating expenses and other shareholder costs, please refer to the Fund's prospectus.

	Beginning Account Value October 1, 2016	Ending Account Value March 31, 2017	Expenses Paid During Period*
Based on Actual Fund Return .....	\$1,000.00	\$1,044.00	\$7.03
Based on Hypothetical 5% Return (before expenses) .....	\$1,000.00	\$1,018.05	\$6.94

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized net expense ratio of 1.38% for the period, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

### Other Information (Unaudited)

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge upon request by calling toll-free 1-888-859-5865, or on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is also available without charge upon request by calling toll-free 1-888-859-5865, or on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Fund files a complete listing of its portfolio holdings with the SEC as of the end of the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The filings are available upon request, by calling 1-888-859-5865. Furthermore, you may obtain a copy of these filings on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Fund's Forms N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC, and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

### Federal Tax Information (Unaudited)

In accordance with federal tax requirements, the following provides shareholders with information considering certain distributions from net realized capital gains made by the Fund during the year ended March 31, 2017. On December 30, 2016, the Fund declared and paid a long-term capital gain distribution of \$1.09 per share to shareholders of record on December 29, 2016. 100% of the long-term capital gain distribution may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 23.8%. Complete information was computed and reported in conjunction with your 2016 Form 1099-DIV.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Board of Trustees and Executive Officers (Unaudited)

Overall responsibility for management of the Fund rests with the Board of Trustees. The Trustees serve during the lifetime of the Trust and until its termination, or until death, resignation, retirement or removal. The Trustees, in turn, elect the officers of the Trust to actively supervise its day-to-day operations. The officers have been elected for an annual term.

The following table provides information regarding each Trustee and executive officer of the Trust including their principal occupations during the past five years and public directorships held by the Trustees:

Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position(s) held with Trust	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships of Public Companies Held by Trustee
<b>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES</b>					
J. Walter McDowell 120 Club Oaks Court Suite 200 Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Year of birth: 1950	Trustee	Since February 2013	Retired Chief Executive Officer of Wachovia Bank – Carolinas/Virginia Banking Division from 2003-2007.	1	None
H. Vernon Winters 120 Club Oaks Court Suite 200 Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Year of birth: 1940	Chairman and Trustee	Since February 2013	Retired Chief Investment Officer of Mellon Financial Corp./Mellon Private Wealth Management from 1994 to 2002.	1	None
<b>INTERESTED TRUSTEE*</b>					
David B. Gilbert 120 Club Oaks Court Suite 200 Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Year of birth: 1942	Trustee and President/ Treasurer (Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer)	Since April 2009	Executive Vice President and Portfolio Manager, Sheets Smith Wealth Management, Inc. since 1994.	1	None

\* Mr. Gilbert is an Interested Trustee because he is Executive Vice President of Sheets Smith Wealth Management, Inc., the investment advisor of the Fund.

# The Piedmont Select Equity Fund

## Board of Trustees and Executive Officers (Unaudited) (Continued)

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Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held with Trust	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
<b>OTHER OFFICERS</b>			
Robert G. Dorsey 225 Pictoria Drive Suite 450 Cincinnati, OH 45246 Year of birth: 1957	Vice President	Since June 2007	Managing Director of Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC and Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC
Frank L. Newbauer 225 Pictoria Drive Suite 450 Cincinnati, OH 45246 Year of birth: 1954	Secretary	Since May 2011	Assistant Vice President of Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC
Paul T. Anthony 120 Club Oaks Court Suite 200 Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Year of birth: 1965	Chief Compliance Officer	Since May 2006	Portfolio Manager since 1999 and Chief Compliance Officer since 2005 of Sheets Smith Wealth Management, Inc.

Additional information about members of the Board of Trustees and executive officers is available in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"). To obtain a copy of the SAI, please call 1-888-859-5865.



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**The Piedmont Select Equity Fund  
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The Piedmont Investment Trust**

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An investment in the Fund is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of some or the entire principal amount invested. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be successful in meeting its investment objective. Investment in the Fund is also subject to the following risks: market risk, management style risk, sector risk, nondiversified fund risk, issuer risk, mid-cap risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. More information about these risks and other risks can be found in the Fund's prospectus.

*The performance information quoted in this report represents past performance, which is not a 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.*

**An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the Fund. A copy of the prospectus is available at [www.piedmontselectfund.com](http://www.piedmontselectfund.com) or by calling Shareholder Services at 1-888-859-5865. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing.**

Stated performance in the Fund was achieved at some or all points during the year by waiving or reimbursing part of the Fund's total expenses to ensure shareholders did not absorb expenses significantly greater than the industry norm.

*This Annual Report was first distributed to shareholders on or about May 30, 2017.*

**For More Information on Your Piedmont Select Equity Mutual Fund:**

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Call Our Shareholder Services Group Toll-Free at 1-888-859-5865