

# **Argus Modern Innovators Trust**



## A 2 Year Unit Investment Trust

## **Investment Objective**

The trust seeks to provide investors with total return potential. Total return may include capital appreciation and dividend income. There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the trust will be achieved.

## **Investment Strategy**

The portfolio is designed by the professionals at Argus Investors' Counsel, Inc., an independent equity research firm with over 80 years of industry experience, and consists of companies that it believes are **modern innovators.** 

#### **Selection Process**

Argus begins the security selection process with a comprehensive screen to identify U.S.-listed innovative companies. For a company to pass this screen, it must meet Argus' definition of a "modern innovator" by being classified as "Innovative" by the Argus analyst who covers the industry.

Whereas most innovative portfolios focus exclusively on R&D spending or new products, this strategy broadens the definition of innovation to include four types of companies:

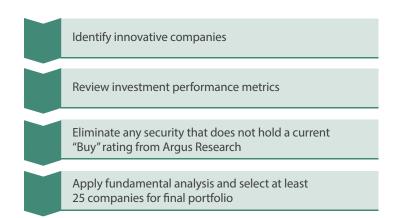
- Disruptors
- · New product specialists
- Product & process perfectors
- · First to new markets

After this initial universe is determined, Argus applies a second screen that filters for strong investment performance. Criteria reviewed includes:

- Five-year revenue growth
- Five-year gross profit growth
- · Gross margin
- · Operating margin
- Five-year operating income growth
- · Five-year market cap growth

Argus then eliminates any security that does not have a current "Buy" rating from Argus Research Company. A "Buy" rating means that Argus Research Company estimates a security to deliver a risk-adjusted return that beats the S&P 500 Index over the next 12 months.

From the remaining securities, Argus selects a final portfolio of at least 25 securities (approximately equally weighted) that they believe have the potential to best achieve the trust's investment objective.



## About Argus Investors' Counsel, Inc.

Argus Investors' Counsel, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, produces independent research for investors. Since 1934, their business has been to produce, distribute and market high-quality investment and economic research. Their recommendations reflect the judgment of an analyst about a company's prospects as an investment in terms of value, expected growth and risks. Their research system involves rigorous quantitative analysis into a company's growth prospects, financial strength and valuation. The framework also requires detailed qualitative analysis into the company's industry, the risks it faces and, most importantly, the quality and integrity of its management team.

Argus' Fundamental Six-Point Analysis system in summary:

- · Industry Analysis
- · Growth Analysis
- · Financial Strength Analysis
- · Management Assessment
- Risk Analysis
- Valuation Analysis

#### Description of Portfolio

INCEPTION DATE:	August 1, 2018
TERMINATION DATE:	August 4, 2020
INITIAL OFFER PRICE	\$10.00
MINIMUM INVESTMENT	100 units (may vary by selling firm)
NUMBER OF ISSUES:	30
DISTRIBUTIONS:1	MONTHLY (if any)
EST. NET ANNUAL 1ST YR DISTRIBUTIONS: <sup>2</sup>	\$0.0758 (per unit)
CUSIP (CASH):	83201P 107
CUSIP (REINVESTMENT):	83201P 115
FEE-BASED CUSIP (CASH):	83201P 123
FEE-BASED CUSIP (REINVESTMENT):	83201P 131
TICKER:	SMMICX

<sup>1</sup>Distributions, if any, will be made commencing on September 25, 2018. The estimated net annual distribution is expected to decline over time because a portion of the securities included in the portfolio will be sold to pay for organization costs, creation and development fee and deferred sales charge. Distributions will fluctuate as a result of unitholder redemptions in addition to securities being sold within the portfolio. Distributions are also subject to the ability of issuers to make dividend payments in the future.

<sup>2</sup>Estimated Net Annual First Year Distribution per unit is computed by dividing the estimated annual income of the underlying securities less the expense per unit by the number of units outstanding. The estimated net annual distributions for subsequent years are expected to be less than estimated distributions for the first year because a portion of the securities included in the trust portfolio will be sold during the first year to pay for organization costs, the creation and development fee and the deferred sales charge. The actual net annual distributions will vary with changes in the trust's fees and expenses and income of the underlying securities.

## Sales Charges<sup>3</sup> (based on a \$10 public offering price)

Standard Accounts

Transactional Sales Charge:	Initial	0.00%
	Deferred	2.25%
Creation & Development Fee⁴:		0.50%
Maximum Sales Charge:		2.75%

The initial sales charge is paid at the time of purchase and is the difference between the total sales charge (maximum of 2.75% of the public offering price) and the sum of the remaining deferred sales charge and the total creation and development fee. When the public offering price per unit is less than or equal to \$10, you will not pay an initial sales fee. When the public offering price per unit is greater than \$10 per unit, you will pay an initial sales fee.

The deferred sales charge is a charge of \$0.225 per unit and will be deducted in three monthly installments commencing on February 20, 2019. The initial and deferred sales fees do not apply to fee-based accounts. Please see the prospectus for sales charge details.

#### Fee/Wrap Accounts

Creation & Development Fee⁴:	0.50%
Maximum Sales Charge:	0.50%

<sup>3</sup>Percentages are based on a \$10.00 per unit offering price. For unit prices other than \$10.00, percentages of initial sales charge, creation and development fee, and deferred sales charges will vary. Early redemption will still cause payment of the deferred sales charge. The table above shows the initial offering period sales charges only.

<sup>4</sup>The creation and development fee is a charge of \$.050 per unit collected at the end of the initial offering period. If the price you pay exceeds \$10 per unit, the creation and development fee will be less than 0.50%; if the price you pay is less than \$10 per unit, the creation and development fee will exceed 0.50%. In addition to the sales charges listed, UITs are subject to annual operating expenses and organization costs.

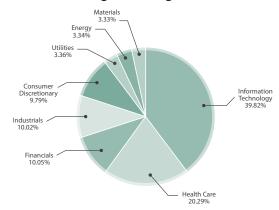
### Portfolio Holdings as of August 1, 2018:

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EQUITY SECURITIES - 100.00%		
Consumer Discretionary – 9.79%		
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	
NKE	NIKE, Inc.	
TSLA	Tesla, Inc.	
Energy – 3.34%		
CVX	Chevron Corporation	
Financials – 10.05%		
SCHW	The Charles Schwab Corporation	
MCO	Moody's Corporation	
TRV	The Travelers Companies, Inc.	
Health Care – 20.29%		
TECH	Bio-Techne Corporation	
ILMN	Illumina, Inc.	

August 1, 2018:	
IART	Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corporation
IQV	IQVIA Holdings, Inc.
SYK	Stryker Corporation
TMO	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.
Industrials	s – 10.02%
MMM	3M Company
RTN	Raytheon Company
ROP	Roper Technologies, Inc.
Information Technology – 39.82%	
ADBE	Adobe Systems Incorporated
GOOGL	Alphabet Inc.
ADI	Analog Devices, Inc.
AAPL	Apple Inc.
ANET	Arista Networks, Inc.

CSCO	Cisco Systems, Inc.	
FB	Facebook, Inc.	
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	
PYPL	PayPal Holdings, Inc.	
CRM	salesforce.com, inc.	
TXN	Texas Instruments Incorporated	
V	Visa Inc.	
Materials – 3.33%		
ECL	ECL Ecolab Inc.	
Utilities – 3.36%		
NEE	NextEra Energy, Inc.	

### Portfolio Holdings as of August 1, 2018:



#### **Risk Considerations**

Unitholders can lose money by investing in this trust. An investment in units of the trust should be made with an understanding of the risks related to the trust, such as the following:

- · Security prices will fluctuate. The value of your investment may fall over time.
- The financial condition of an issuer may worsen or its credit ratings may drop, resulting in a reduction in the value of your units. This may occur at any point in time, including during the initial offering period.
- The issuer of a security may be unwilling or unable to declare dividends in the future or may reduce the level of dividends declared. This may reduce the level of distributions the trust pays which could reduce your income and cause the value of your units to fall.
- The trust is concentrated in securities issued by companies in the information technology sector. Negative developments in this sector will affect the value of
  your investment more than would be the case in a more diversified investment. General risks of companies in the information technology sector include
  rapidly changing technologies, short product life cycles, fierce competition, frequent introduction of new or enhanced products, the loss of patent, copyright
  and trademark protections, cyclical market patterns and evolving industry standards.
- The trust is concentrated in securities issued by companies that are defined by Argus as "modern innovators". General risk of companies that are "modern innovators" include substantial research and development costs, intense competition, changes in technology and consumer behavior, patent protection difficulties and changing governmental regulations.
- The trust may invest in securities of foreign issuers. These risks may include market and political factors related to the company's foreign market, international
  trade conditions, less regulation, smaller or less liquid markets, increased volatility, differing accounting practices and changes in the value of foreign currencies.
- The trust may invest in stocks of small and mid-size companies. These stocks are often more volatile and have lower trading volumes than stocks of larger companies. Small and mid-size companies may have limited products or financial resources, management inexperience and less publicly available information.
- The trust may invest in securities issued by REITs. A REIT is a company dedicated to owning and, in some cases, operating income-producing real estate. Some
  REITs engage in financing real estate. Negative developments in the real estate industry will affect the value of your investment greater than in a more
  diversified investment.
- The trust is not actively managed. Except in limited circumstances, the trust will hold, and continue to buy, shares of the same securities even if their market value declines.
- The sponsor may offer successive Trusts with similar portfolios thereby allowing the investor to pursue the same strategy over a number of years. Investors
  should consider their ability to pursue investing in successive Trusts, if available. There may be tax consequences associated with investing in the Trust and
  rolling over an investment from one Trust to the next.