



## **NEW FUND FROM ALPS TARGETS MICRO-CAP STOCKS OF COMPANIES AROUND THE WORLD**

### ***ALPS I Metis Global Micro Cap Fund Designed to Fulfill a Range of Investment Objectives and Portfolio Needs***

**DENVER – December XX, 2015** – ALPS, a DST company providing products and services to the financial services industry, today announced the launch of the ALPS I Metis Global Micro Cap Fund, one of the industry’s first retail offerings to target micro-cap stocks in the U.S., international, and emerging/frontier markets.

By prospectus, the Fund seeks long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities of micro-cap companies, generally defined as companies with market capitalizations of \$50 to \$750 million, located both within and outside of the United States.

Metis Global Partners, led by Portfolio Manager Machel Allen, is an independent, employee-owned firm located in San Diego, California, and will serve as the Fund’s sub-adviser. The firm is dedicated to the management of global, international, and emerging market equity portfolios, spanning the full range of large- to micro-cap companies. ALPS Advisors, Inc. is the Fund’s adviser.

According to Tom Carter\*, Executive Vice President of ALPS Holdings, Inc., the ALPS I Metis Global Micro Cap Fund will provide investors and advisers with several potential benefits.

“Micro-cap stocks can serve as a straightforward, active component of an existing equity allocation or as a complement to alternatives like private equity or hedge funds,” says Carter. “We see investors using the Fund as a way to replace or complement existing small-cap equity allocations or as a way to provide alpha-generating potential in a core/satellite framework. Each approach offers compelling benefits and manageable risks.”

The ALPS I Metis Global Micro Cap Fund unique benefits Include:

- A disciplined value process with a long-term focus on capturing value premium while avoiding behavioral bias;
- An opportunistic approach that seeks to identify “undiscovered” companies through active, bottom-up stock selection; and
- An experienced investment team with expertise across developed, emerging, and frontier markets.

“An allocation to the Fund may provide exposure to previously overlooked areas by offering a richer opportunity set,” says Carter. “We think the ALPS I Metis Global Micro Cap Fund may be a strong addition to any investors’ portfolio.”

The Fund is being offered in multiple share classes and is available through Schwab, LPL and Pershing.

For more information on the ALPS I Metis Global Micro Cap Fund, visit [www.alpsfunds.com/](http://www.alpsfunds.com/).

#### IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES & DEFINITIONS

***An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus which contains this and other information call 866.759.5679 or visit [www.alpsfunds.com](http://www.alpsfunds.com). Read the prospectus carefully before investing.***

#### ***Emerging Markets Risks***

*To the extent that the Fund invests in issuers located in emerging markets, the risk may be heightened by political changes and changes in taxation or currency controls that could adversely affect the values of these investments. Emerging markets have been more volatile than the markets of developed countries with more mature economies.*

#### ***Style Investing Risks***

*To the extent a fund focuses on a particular style of stocks (such as, in the case of the Fund, value stocks), its performance may at times be better or worse than the performance of funds that focus on other types of stocks or that have a broader investment style. Value investing involves buying stocks that the Sub-Adviser believes are out of favor and/or undervalued in comparison to their peers or their prospects for growth. Typically, the valuation levels of value stocks are less than those of growth stocks. Because different types of stocks go in and out of favor with prevailing market and economic conditions, the Fund’s performance may be adversely affected when value stocks underperform.*

#### ***Managed Portfolio Risks***

*The Sub-Adviser’s judgments about the attractiveness, value, and potential appreciation of particular asset classes, securities or sectors may prove to be incorrect. Such errors could result in a negative return and a loss to you.*

*The Fund is new and has limited operating history.*

*Not FDIC Insured · No Bank Guarantee · May Lose Value*

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**About ALPS**

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