

## **REIT and Real Estate Mutual Funds Profile – Commonwealth Real Estate Securities**

As you consider your real estate mutual fund and REIT investments, it is important to take a closer look at many of the offerings out there. This article will focus on Commonwealth Real Estate Securities (CNREX).

### **Fund Profile**

Commonwealth Real Estate Securities holds 13.2 million dollars in assets that are focused in the service and manufacturing industries. The minimum investment to buy into Commonwealth Real Estate Securities is \$200.00. The fund is comprised of 57 stocks and 5 bonds.

### **Fund Performance and Ratings**

Commonwealth Real Estate Securities is moving up in the rankings. It has recently been rated a 5-star investment, up from 4. It ranks currently as an above average return investment while also claiming a low risk assessment.

### **Where Does it Invest?**

Commonwealth Real Estate Securities is focused on the service and manufacturing industries. The majority of their stock is in financial services (77.71%), followed by consumer services (12.55%) and industrial materials (9.73%).

### **Who's in Charge?**

Ronald Manning is at the helm of Commonwealth Real Estate Securities. Manning is the decision making force in many of the Commonwealth's global funds in addition to the Commonwealth Real Estate Securities fund.

### **How does it Choose Investments?**

The majority of the holdings in the Commonwealth Real Estate Securities portfolio are those that are small to middle market stocks and bonds that are rated as value purchases. That means they buy into companies when the shares are considered by the portfolio manager to be undervalued at purchase time, therefore a good deal. The belief is that they will eventually realize their real value and create a nice amount for profit for shareholders.

### **What's in the Portfolio?**

Among the holdings in the Commonwealth Real Estate Securities portfolio are Public Storage, Vornado Realty Trust, Equity Residential, Homex Development

Corp. ADR, Hang Lung Properties Ltd. ADR, CRH PLC ADR, Washington REIT, Boston Properties, Hilton Hotels and Lowe's Companies Inc.

### **Adding to Your Portfolio**

When it comes to Commonwealth Real Estate Securities, this is one fund that nearly anyone can become an investor in. Some real estate mutual funds and REITs have high buy ins, but in this case the minimum buy in is just \$200.00.

A low buy in still does not mean that you should not know what you are buying before you enter into a share purchase. Just like any other investment, you should be aware of where your money is going and the risk and return assessments of the REIT or real estate mutual fund. To this end you need to do your research. By joining a website like REITBuyer.com you can get all of the research you need in this specific market in one place. REITBuyer.com is the first and only online brokerage that specializes in REITs and real estate mutual funds.

Once you have done your research and are sure this is a purchase you want to make, the process is simple, just click and buy then be able to watch your portfolio as well as what is happening to your real estate investing market all in the same place.

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