

Mid Cap Value Fund

Quarterly Commentary

Portfolio Review

U.S. stocks rallied. During the quarter, broad U.S. equity markets surged as corporate earnings growth remained resilient and U.S. policymakers continued to forecast three interest rate cuts this year. Against this backdrop, cyclical sectors generally outperformed defensive sectors, and the energy sector advanced strongly on the heels of rising oil prices.

Growth and large-cap stocks outperformed. Amid the market’s broad-based gains, growth stocks outperformed value stocks across the market-capitalization spectrum. Additionally, large-cap stocks outperformed their mid- and small-cap peers.

Industrials detracted from performance. We have been underweight in industrials relative to the benchmark, the result of what we believed were elevated valuations in the sector. Lighter exposure to the machinery industry compared to the benchmark also dampened performance.

Utilities weighed on results. Security selection in the utilities sector, which narrowly underperformed the benchmark during the period, hindered results. Not owning Constellation Energy detracted from performance as the utility company outperformed after reporting better-than-expected earnings.

Information technology was an area of strength. The information technology sector was a bright spot for the portfolio during the period. Security selection helped, particularly in the case of Juniper Networks, one of the few overweight positions in the sector relative to the benchmark. Juniper Networks’ stock rallied as investors cheered the news that it would be acquired in a deal that valued its shares at a premium.

Key Contributors

The Allstate Corp. We believe this insurance company improved its profitability after implementing policy increases, particularly for its automobile insurance policies. Our research also indicates that Allstate benefited from a more benign natural catastrophe environment.

Universal Health Services. This health care facilities operator outperformed due to continued strong utilization of its acute care hospitals. We believe Universal Health Services also benefited from improved staffing in its behavioral health facilities and a favorable reimbursement environment.

Juniper Networks. Shares of this network development company jumped following the announcement that Hewlett Packard Enterprise plans to acquire Juniper Networks at a notable premium.

Key Detractors

Constellation Energy. Not owning this power producer weighed on results. Its shares outperformed after the company reported better-than-expected earnings and guidance. As a large nuclear operator, we believe Constellation benefited from improving retail power prices and nuclear production tax credits.

Goal and Strategy

Long-term capital growth and income by investing in the stocks of mid-sized companies that are believed to be undervalued.

Portfolio Management Team

Name	Start Date	
	Industry	Company
Kevin Toney, CFA	1993	1999
Nathan Rawlins, CFA	2009	2015
Brian Woglom, CFA	1998	2005
Michael Liss, CPA, CFA	1991	1998

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc	3.06
Conagra Brands Inc	2.41
Northern Trust Corp	2.16
Bank of New York Mellon Corp/The	2.12
Enterprise Products Partners LP	2.04
Kimberly-Clark Corp	1.99
Henry Schein Inc	1.99
Quest Diagnostics Inc	1.97
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	1.87
Allstate Corp/The	1.73

As of 3/31/2024

The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security. Equity holdings are grouped to include common shares, depository receipts, rights and warrants issued by the same company. Fund holdings subject to change.

Akzo Nobel. This global paints and coatings firm reported weaker-than-expected quarterly results. Our research indicated that while margins have improved, global paint volumes, particularly in Europe and China, remained subdued. We believe Akzo Nobel's results were also negatively impacted by hyperinflation in Argentina.

Quest Diagnostics. Shares of this clinical laboratory company underperformed after its quarterly margins missed analyst expectations due to elevated labor costs. We believe these elevated costs have also led to uncertainty regarding the company's 2024 fiscal year margins.

Notable Trades

Equity Residential. We initiated a position in this multifamily real estate investment trust because most of its apartments are in coastal markets where we believe new supply growth is limited. We also think Equity Residential possesses pricing power over existing residents and a strong balance sheet.

Mohawk Industries. We started a position in this large flooring manufacturer because we believe it offers an attractive risk/reward profile. In our view, the company has been undervalued following a difficult year for big-ticket repair and remodel demand.

Diamondback Energy. We exited our position in this oil and natural gas company after it announced a merger with another oil producer. We think the transaction would add debt to the merged company and lead to a wider range of outcomes. The stock moved higher on the announcement, providing an opportunity to exit the position.

Prosperity Bancshares. We exited our position in this bank in favor of other opportunities that we believed were more attractive.

Portfolio Positioning

The portfolio seeks to invest in companies where we believe the valuation does not reflect the quality and normal earnings power of the company. Our process is based on individual security selection, but broad themes have emerged.

Higher-quality stocks may offer resilience. We believe that while central banks may enact small cuts to interest rates if inflation continues to subside, the economy may still experience lagged effects of elevated rates over the next year. That, along with continuing geopolitical risks, could potentially contribute to an uncertain economic environment for investors, in our view. Against this backdrop, we remain focused on companies that we believe are higher quality with stable revenues and profits, low indebtedness, stable cash flows and predictable business models that are less sensitive to economic conditions.

Attractive valuations in health care. Our research has led us to several health care stocks that we think offer compelling valuations. We consider health care less cyclical because the economy's performance tends to have less impact on demand in the sector. We believe health care utilization rates have continued to normalize after the COVID-19 pandemic caused patients to delay services and procedures and that shares of companies affected by sell-offs from so-called weight-loss drugs have also continued to recover.

Opportunities in consumer staples. With slowing global growth, we have identified select opportunities in the relatively defensive consumer staples sector. Despite a challenging cost inflation environment, we think many consumer staples companies are generating strong returns on capital, buying back stock and growing dividends. Moreover, our research indicates industry consolidation has enabled companies to pass higher costs to consumers. We believe actions to offset inflation, including fewer discounts and more price hikes, should support earnings and margins.

Navigating the financials sector. Regional banks have continued to face pressure on net interest income from paying higher deposit costs while loan growth remains subdued. Bank failures from last year led to increased regulatory requirements for capital and liquidity, posing what we view as another headwind to regional banks. We also see that select insurance companies, which suffered last year due to larger payouts from catastrophes, have emerged with improved pricing power resulting from easing regulations on rates and competitors withdrawing from certain disaster-prone markets.

Limited opportunities in consumer discretionary. Our portfolio remains underweight in the consumer discretionary sector relative to the benchmark. We have identified what we believe are few high-quality companies with durable business models. We also expect headwinds to discretionary spending as consumers have been facing economic pressures like inflation and diminishing personal savings.

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Average Annual Total Returns for Period Ended 3/31/2024

Class	Qtr (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)	Inception Date	Gross Expense Ratio (%)
Investor	4.71	9.79	6.36	9.30	8.78	9.78	3/31/04	0.98
I	4.75	10.00	6.58	9.51	9.00	10.12	8/2/04	0.78
R5	4.74	10.06	6.58	9.52	9.00	7.76	4/10/17	0.78
R6	4.85	10.24	6.74	9.69	9.17	9.71	7/26/13	0.63
Russell Midcap Value Index	8.23	20.40	6.80	9.94	8.57	-	-	-

Historical performance for the R5 Class prior to its inception is based on the performance of I Class shares, which have the same expenses as the R5 Class. Expense ratio is as of the fund's current prospectus. The I Class minimum investment amount is \$5 million (\$3 million for endowments and foundations) per fund. The R5 Share Class is available only to participants in group employer-sponsored retirement plans where a financial intermediary provides recordkeeping services to plan participants. Periods greater than one year have been annualized.

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