



MID CAP STOCK FUND

High Quality Mid Cap Value

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY: We believe successful investing requires the identification of high quality companies with stable to improving business trends whose equity trades at high normalized free cash flow yields.

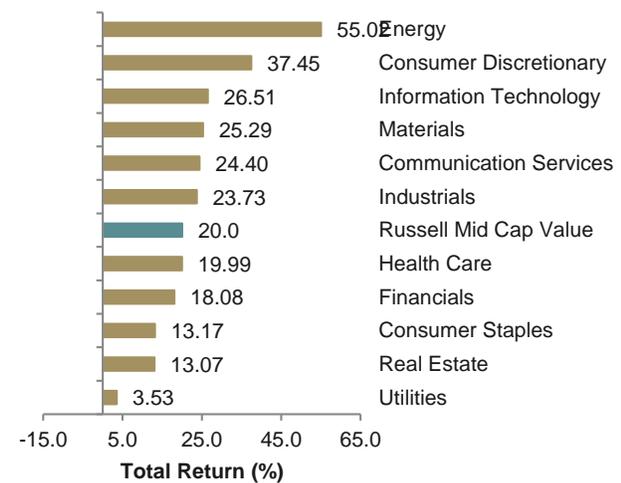
MARKET REVIEW

- The S&P 500 returned 20.54% during the second quarter of 2020.¹ The market staged a robust recovery that was spurred by the loosening of stay-at-home provisions by certain states and a global economic recovery that seemed to be progressing sooner than investors had anticipated. However, June brought concerns of a resurgence in virus cases.
- During the quarter, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) expanded its balance sheet to more than \$7 trillion. In both the April and June Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meetings, the Fed, held rates steady in the 0.00 - 0.25% range and Fed Chairman Jerome Powell suggested more fiscal support could be needed.²
- Growth and Momentum factors continued to lead the way this year, outperforming during the first and second quarter of 2020; however, the value factor came into favor during periods of the market rally as more cyclical companies rebounded.

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

- The Fund returned 20.21%, reflecting performance at the net asset value (NAV) of Class A shares, with all distributions reinvested, for the quarter ended June 30, 2020. The Fund's benchmark, the Russell Midcap® Value Index returned 19.95% in the same period.
- Within the Russell Midcap® Value Index, every sector finished in positive territory. The energy sector rebounded as oil prices rose over the quarter amid optimism surrounding global demand and lower output due in part to the OPEC+ production agreement.
- The Fund's position in eBay, Inc. (2.0%), a commerce company, contributed to relative performance. Shares of eBay rose over the quarter amid a shift in consumer spending behavior. More specifically, the shelter-in-place mandate led to increased traffic to ecommerce platforms, including eBay.
- The Fund's position in Columbia Sportswear Co. (1.4%), an outdoor and active lifestyle apparel distributor, detracted from relative performance. Shares of Columbia Sportswear rose over the quarter, but by less than the broader market as the company continued to face near-term headwinds as brick and mortar foot traffic remained constrained over the quarter.

INDEX SECTOR PERFORMANCE

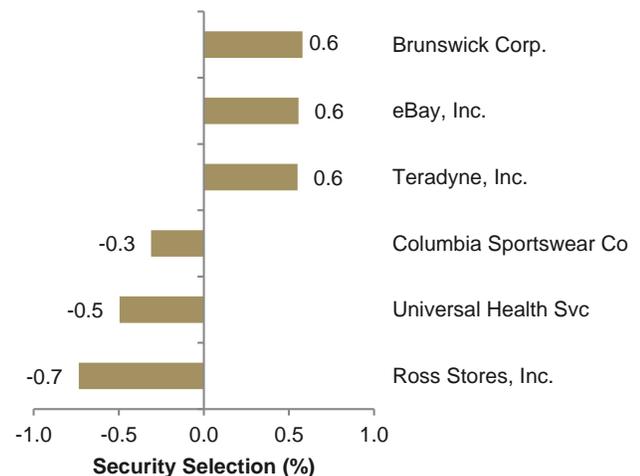


Source: Wilshire. Russell Mid Cap Value Index performance for the quarter ended June 30, 2020.

NEW & EXITED POSITIONS & PERFORMANCE

- The Fund employs a fundamental, bottom-up individual stock selection strategy that focuses on quality companies with compelling valuations over a long term horizon.
- Given our longer-term orientation and the focus we place on normalized free cash flow, we believe we have a unique ability to look through some of the shorter-term impacts on companies due to the global pandemic, and we continue to look for opportunities amid the volatility. As a result, we have been able to methodically upgrade the portfolio in areas that have been particularly impacted by adhering to our process.
- We also initiated a position in shares of Masco Corp. (1.7%), an architectural coatings and plumbing fixtures manufacturer for the residential market. In our view, the company is well managed, has a strong financial profile and is well-positioned to benefit from the continued growth in U.S. housing demand. As a result of market volatility, we had the opportunity to invest in Masco at what we believe to be very attractive valuations.
- We also initiated a position in Rockwell Automation, Inc. (1.7%), a North American automation supplier for discrete manufacturing applications. We view the company as a high quality industrial company with unique scarcity value and attractive long-term secular growth characteristics driven in part by the potential for re-shoring of manufacturing back to the United States. As a result of market volatility, we had the opportunity to invest in a company at what we believe to be very attractive valuations.
- We eliminated the portfolio's position in Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc. (0%), a musculoskeletal health care services provider, and Consolidated Edison, Inc. (0%), a utilities company, which was consistent with our normalized free cash flow methodology.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS



Source: Wilshire. Security Selection % reflects the effect of the individual stock's performance relative to the Fund's benchmark, the Russell Midcap Value Index, for the period. Individual holdings and their effect on Fund performance may change significantly over time. Investors should consider the overall performance of the Fund before making a decision on whether or not to invest in the Fund. Breakdown as of 06/30/2020.

PERFORMANCE AS OF 06/30/2020

	2Q20	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Net Asset Value (without sales charge)	20.21%	-10.61%	-3.34%	0.68%	8.11%
Maximum Offering Price (with 5.75% sales charge)	13.32	-15.74	-5.23	-0.50	7.47
Russell Midcap Value Index	19.95	-11.81	-0.54	3.32	10.29
Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Average	20.90	-7.62	1.32	3.21	9.49

Expense Ratio: 0.98%

Performance data quoted reflect past performance and are no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that shares, on any given day or when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. You can obtain performance data current to the most recent month end by calling Lord Abbett at (888) 522-2388 or referring to our website at lordabbett.com.

¹ S&P Dow Jones, *Index Dashboard: U.S. June 30, 2020*. ² FOMC Meeting Statement – June 2020. ³ FactSet.

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The Fund is actively managed and is subject to change.

The Fund weights shown in parenthesis within the New and Exited Positions and Performance section are based on the ending Fund weight during the quarter for each security. The Fund weights shown in parenthesis within the Relative Performance section are based on the average weight during the quarter for each security.

Performance reflects the reinvestment of all distributions. Certain purchases of Class A shares without a sales charge are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC). The CDSC is not reflected in the performance shown. If sales charges, including any applicable CDSC had been included, performance would have been lower. Returns for less than one year are not annualized. If applicable, instances of high double-digit returns were achieved primarily during favorable market conditions and may not be sustainable over time.

The Russell Midcap® Value Index measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. Indexes are unmanaged, do not reflect the deduction of fees or expenses; and are not available for direct investment.

Lipper Mid-Cap Value Funds Average is based on a universe of funds with similar investment objectives as the Fund. Peer group averages are based on all share classes in the category, and include the reinvested dividend and capital gains, if any, and exclude sales charges.

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