

VALUE FUND

Portfolio Manager: Brad Hinton, CFA

Investment Style: Large-Cap Value

The Value Fund's Institutional Class returned +7.42% for the first quarter compared to +6.17% for the S&P 500 and +6.24% for the Morningstar Large-Cap Blend category. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, the Fund's Institutional Class returned +57.28% compared to +56.35% for the index and +56.53% for the category.

The "economic reopening" trade continued in the first quarter with some vigor. Smaller companies, cyclical businesses, and other value-oriented fare were the strongest beneficiaries. Aggressive growth stocks, which had dominated the return scoreboard for several years, lagged considerably. But as these winds shifted, our all-weather strategy held its own. The Weitz Quality at a Discount (QuaD) investing framework means owning a collection of high-quality businesses, purchased at sensible prices, with a longer time horizon than most investors. This enduring approach depends on analyzing companies well, not on timing the inevitable factor and style rotations along the way.

Financial stocks enjoyed healthy first-quarter gains. Charles Schwab and JPMorgan Chase were outsized contributors as investors refocused on earning power in "normal" times. Google parent Alphabet provided new disclosures that highlighted the profitability of its services businesses and the upside potential of its Cloud Platform. Companies far removed from the mega-cap glare, such as LabCorp, CarMax and Vulcan Materials, also delivered exceptional returns; we can often develop more of a research edge in businesses that are not under the constant attention of the industry and financial media. The five primary (and modest) quarterly detractors were CoStar Group, Liberty Broadband, Amazon, Visa, and Salesforce.com. All have been long-term winners, and all continue to have bright outlooks.

Stocks rebounded from their pandemic lows throughout the Fund's fiscal year, with most soaring higher. LabCorp and CarMax more than doubled in price. Charles Schwab nearly joined them in the triple-digit return club, while digital advertising giants Alphabet and Facebook both returned more than 75%. We could go on, and the rest of the list would sound equally impressive. Not surprisingly given the strength of the overall market, the Fund had no material detractors for the fiscal year.

We added AutoZone to the portfolio during the quarter. We first owned this leading specialty auto parts retailer more than a decade ago, so analyst Jon Baker, CFA, and our team know the company and industry well. AutoZone has been a per-share value creation machine. We think the company still has room to grow stores at healthy rates for years to come, and the outlook for its do-it-for-me business looks especially bright. Jon describes our investment thesis for AutoZone in this quarter's Analyst Corner.

We sold Diageo after twelve years of very profitable ownership. The global spirits company has done a fine job of growing earnings, and the stock has enjoyed an extra boost from substantial, multiple expansions along the way. While the business is in good hands, we think a repeat of our mid-double-digit annualized return experience is far less likely. We simply see better risk/reward profiles in the Fund's other quality holdings.

Our team is continually working to improve the portfolio as we process new information. We increased position sizes in Facebook, Aon, and Fidelity National Information Services at discounts to our value estimates during the quarter. We trimmed positions in stocks such as Linde, JPMorgan Chase, and Analog Devices on stock price strength. This type of limited, periodic rebalancing is disciplined but not mechanical. Decisions are based on stock prices relative to our value estimates, fundamental progress at each business, quality score considerations, and analyst conviction.

Again, our investment philosophy is straightforward; we buy high-quality businesses at a discount to what we think they are worth. This QuaD investing approach is timeless, and it transcends traditional growth and value labels. The bar for portfolio entry is tougher than ever to clear, and competition for capital is increasingly robust. Credit again to our talented and experienced analyst team for their hard work on behalf of our investors.

The portfolio is focused and well-aligned with our vision for successful large-cap investing. We have concentrated ownership stakes in 26 companies, with the top ten representing roughly 47% of the portfolio. Each position is significant enough to matter, yet none can individually make or break our results. Our current estimation is that the portfolio trades at a price-to-value in the upper 90s. Several core holdings still have a chance for outsized gains over a multi-year period. Most, however, are priced for adequate return potential primarily from expected growth in per-share business value.

Value Matters: Remembering What Counts

Vaccine distributions and a reopening of the global economy create optimism that the world will be returning to a sense of normal. But current stock and bond valuations give us pause, as the recovery may not be as good, or as quick, as markets seem to be anticipating.

Top Relative Contributors and Detractors

For the **QUARTER** ending 03/31/2021

TOP CONTRIBUTORS					TOP DETRACTORS				
	Return	Average Weight	Contribution	% of Net Assets		Return	Average Weight	Contribution	% of Net Assets
CarMax, Inc. (KMX)	40.44%	3.69	1.36%	3.6%	CoStar Group, Inc. (CSGP)	-11.08%	3.44	-0.39%	3.3%
Alphabet, Inc. – Class C (GOOG)	18.08%	6.57	1.14%	6.7%	Liberty Broadband Corp. – Series C (LBRDK)	-5.19%	4.72	-0.28%	4.5%
The Charles Schwab Corp. (SCHW)	23.28%	4.70	1.05%	4.8%	Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN)	-5.00%	3.00	-0.16%	2.8%
Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings (LH)	25.29%	4.09	0.99%	4.1%	Visa Inc. – Class A (V)	-3.05%	3.98	-0.15%	3.9%
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPM)	20.66%	2.86	0.58%	2.6%	salesforce.com, inc. (CRM)	-4.79%	2.97	-0.14%	2.7%

Source: FactSet Portfolio Analytics

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Holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future investments. Contributions to performance are based on actual daily holdings. Returns shown are the actual returns for the specified period of the security. Additional securities referenced herein as a percent of the Fund's net assets as of 03/31/2021: Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI) 3.8%; Aon plc – Class A (AON) 5.0%; AutoZone, Inc. (AZO) 2.7%; Diageo plc – Sponsored ADR (DEO) 0.0%; Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. (FIS) 3.8%; Facebook, Inc. – Class A (FB) 4.4%; Linde plc (LIN) 2.3%; Vulcan Materials Co. (VMC) 4.0%.

Average Annual Total Returns

AS OF 03/31/2021									
	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception*	Inception Date	Net Expense	Gross Expense
Value Fund - Investor (WVALX)	7.38%	56.97%	17.27%	14.11%	11.69%	10.74%	05/09/1986*	1.08%	1.08%
Value Fund - Institutional (WVAIX)	7.42%	57.28%	17.54%	14.37%	11.85%	10.79%	07/31/2014	0.89%	0.94%
Russell 1000®	5.91%	60.59%	17.31%	16.66%	13.97%	10.90%	-	-	-
S&P 500®	6.17%	56.35%	16.78%	16.29%	13.91%	10.84%	-	-	-

*Denotes the Fund's inception date and the date from which Since Inception performance is calculated.

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The Net Expense Ratio reflects the total annual operating expenses of the Fund after taking into account any such fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement, if any; total returns would have been lower had there been no waivers or reimbursements.

Performance quoted for Institutional Class shares before their inception is derived from the historical performance of the Investor Class shares and has not been adjusted for the expenses of the Institutional Class shares, had they, returns would have been different.

Index performance is hypothetical and is shown for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in an index. The **Russell 1000** measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000 and includes approximately 1,000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The **S&P 500** is an unmanaged index consisting of 500 companies generally representative of the market for the stocks of large-size U.S. companies.

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