

September 30, 2024

**Overall Morningstar Ranking (Class I)**

★★★

MNDFX received a 3-Star Overall Rating out of 1085 Large Value funds, based on risk adjusted returns derived from a weighted average of the Fund's 3-, 5- and 10-year Morningstar metrics.

*See next page for additional details*

**Investment Objective**

To provide competitive returns consistent with the broad equity market while also providing a level of capital protection during market downturns.

**Investment Strategy**

To offer a diversified portfolio of dividend-paying U.S. equity securities. Using a systematic process with a focus on mid-to-large capitalization U.S. companies, securities are selected based on free cash flow generation and earnings power, minimum dividend yield, dividend sustainability, and financial health.

**Portfolio Managers**

Name	Experience
Christopher Petrosino, CFA®	24 years industry 24 years firm
Alex I. Gurevich, CFA®	18 years industry 18 years firm
Kelly Covley, CFA®, CAIA	10 years industry 10 years firm

**Top Ten Investments**

Holdings	%
United Health Group Inc	3.92
Johnson and Johnson	3.90
JP Morgan Chase and Co	3.58
Exxon Mobil Corp	3.31
Chevron Texaco Corp	3.30
Caterpillar Inc	3.06
Wells Fargo and Co	2.86
Bank of America Corporation	2.82
RTX Corporation Com	2.37
Lockheed Martin Corp	2.31

Top Ten Investments is unaudited and excludes cash.

**Fund Information**

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses <sup>§</sup>
Class Z	MDVZX	56382R274	03/01/2019	\$1M*	0.49%	0.45%
Class I	MNDFX	56382P658	11/07/2008	\$1M*	0.64%	0.60%
Class S	MDFSX	56382P476	03/01/2012	\$2,000**	0.84% <sup>§§</sup>	--

<sup>\*\*</sup>May be waived for certain qualified retirement plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

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<sup>§</sup>Reflects the Advisor's contractual agreement to limit its fees and reimburse certain expenses. The contractual waiver may not be amended or terminated without the prior approval of the Fund's Board of Directors. Class Z shares do not make payments to financial intermediaries.

<sup>§§</sup>Class S includes a 12b-1 fee of 0.25%, of which up to 0.25% is available as a shareholder servicing fee.

**Annualized Performance**

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception* (11/07/2008)
Class Z	7.51%	13.72%	22.22%	7.65%	9.24%	9.51%	11.29%
Class I	7.50%	13.64%	22.07%	7.52%	9.10%	9.43%	11.24%
Class S	7.47%	13.50%	21.95%	7.33%	8.88%	9.19%	10.98%
Russell 1000 Value	9.43%	16.68%	27.76%	9.03%	10.69%	9.23%	11.07%

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at [www.manning-napier.com](http://www.manning-napier.com) or by calling (800) 466-3863.

\*Inception performance is based on the Disciplined Value Series Class I inception of 11/07/2008. For periods through 03/01/2012 (the inception date of the Class S shares), performance for the Class S shares is hypothetical and is based on the historical performance of the Class I shares adjusted for the Class S shares' charges and expenses.

**Equity Sector Allocation**

Sector	Series	Russell 1000 Value	Weighting
Communication Services	1.39%	4.22%	█
Consumer Discretionary	6.03%	6.27%	█
Consumer Staples	8.19%	7.95%	█
Energy	15.88%	6.75%	██████████
Financials	21.88%	21.17%	█
Health Care	16.38%	15.54%	█
Industrials	19.00%	14.69%	██████
Information Technology	8.03%	9.07%	█
Materials	3.22%	4.62%	█
Real Estate	--	4.92%	██████
Utilities	--	4.81%	██████

**What You Should Know About Investing**

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. As with any stock fund, the value of your investment will fluctuate in response to stock market movements. Investing in the Series will also involve a number of other risks, including issuer-specific risk and mid-cap risk. The Series invests primarily in dividend-paying equity securities, with a focus on mid- to large-cap companies. There is no assurance or guarantee that such companies will declare, continue to pay, or increase dividends. Stocks of mid-cap companies tend to be more volatile than those of large-cap companies, as mid-cap companies tend to be more susceptible to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. In addition, because the Advisor manages the Series using a disciplined screening process, the Series is subject to the additional risk that the investment approach may not be successful. Further, the Advisor does not intend to make frequent changes to the Series' portfolio in response to market movements.

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**Fund Characteristics**

	Series	Russell 1000 Value
Strategy Assets	\$1.7B	--
Fund Assets	\$195M	--
Median Mkt. Cap (\$M USD)	\$35,681	\$12,695
Weight. Avg Mkt. Cap (\$M USD)	\$159,365	\$149,067
Current P/E	17.0	21.0
P/Cash Flow	10.8	12.6
Active Share (vs. R1K Value)	72.1	--
Annual Turnover	35%	--
5 Yr Avg Turnover	37%	--

**Risk Statistics (Since Inception)**

	Class I	Russell 1000 Value
Alpha	1.16%	--
Beta	0.86	--
Standard Deviation	14.16%	15.74%
Sharpe Ratio	0.72	0.67
Up Mkt Capture	88.31%	--
Down Mkt Capture	88.17%	--

**Fund Commentary**

Financial markets continued their push higher as they largely shrugged off a gradually slowing economy with the help of the Federal Reserve officially pivoting to rate cuts and the expectation for those cuts to continue. We saw the beginnings of a rotation and broadening out of the equity market away from the dominance of mega-capitalization tech companies that has defined the past year and a half.

The strategy generated strong absolute returns but underperformed its benchmark during the quarter. This return profile is consistent with the portfolio's history of providing a level of downside risk management during adverse equity market environments, while generating positive returns that may not quite keep pace with the benchmark during especially strong markets for value stocks such as experienced this quarter.

Sector positioning was the primary headwind with regard to relative performance this quarter, while the specific companies owned had a slightly negative impact on relative return. The strategy's significant overweight to Energy, the only sector to post a negative return this quarter, weighed heavily on relative returns. In addition, the lack of exposure to Real Estate and Utilities, the two best performing sectors which benefitted from the declining interest rate environment, were also notable detractors this quarter. The specific Health Care companies owned, led by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Gilead Sciences, aided relative returns.

From a factor standpoint, the strategy's focus on free cash flow generating, dividend paying stocks with sustainable dividend policies, typically results in exposure to quality-oriented factors such as high return on equity (ROE), which offers a gauge of profit-generating efficiency. Likewise, the emphasis on dividends leads the portfolio to skew towards the large- to mega-capitalization area of the investable universe. These characteristics had limited impact on relative returns this quarter.

The strategy will remain invested in financially sound companies with sustainable dividend policies trading at attractive valuations. The valuation component seeks to identify companies that trade at an attractive price relative to their underlying earnings power (e.g., free cash flow). We believe that investing in companies with both favorable valuations and a commitment to returning capital to shareholders via dividends results in a strategy that not only provides the potential for competitive returns in positive market environments but also offers downside risk management during market downturns.

**Definitions**

**Alpha:** A measure of an investment's performance relative to a benchmark index. It represents the excess return of an investment compared to the return of the benchmark.

**Beta:** A measure of an investment's volatility relative to the overall market.

**Standard Deviation:** A statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given investment. It quantifies the amount of variation or volatility from the average return.

**Sharpe Ratio:** A measure of risk-adjusted return, calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the investment's return and then dividing by its standard deviation.

**Market Capture:** Up market capture is the % of market return captured by the investment manager's return relative to the benchmark during positive periods while down market capture is the % of market return captured by the investment manager's return relative to the benchmark during negative periods.

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