



LORD ABBETT®

VALUE OPPORTUNITIES FUND

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LORD ABBETT

A singular focus since 1929

Investment-Led

- Active management characterized by a deliberate process, teamwork, and collaboration
- Rigorous research that challenges consensus and identifies opportunities
- Comprehensive risk management that enhances investment decisions

Investor-Focused

- Perspectives shaped and decisions sharpened by our independence
- Resources dedicated to the markets we serve
- Strategies intelligently designed to meet client needs



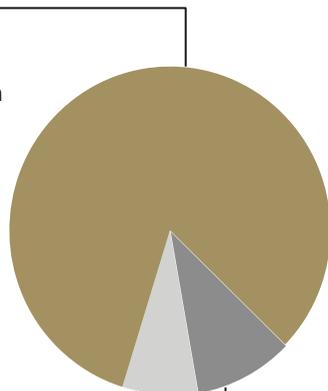
\$138 BILLION IN ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

Including more than \$1 billion from current and former partners, employees and their families

EQUITY ASSETS: 31%

U.S. Equity¹: \$37 billion

- Large to Micro Value
- Large Cap Core
- Large to Micro Growth
- Dividend Growth
- Equity Income



Multi-Asset^{1,2}: \$6 billion

- Income
- Balanced Opportunity
- Growth
- Global Opportunity

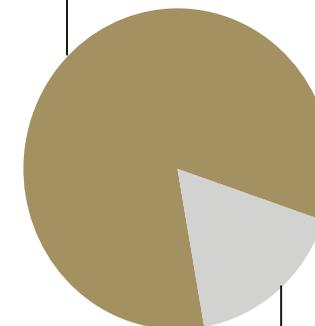
International: \$5 billion

- Core Equity
- Dividend Income
- Small Cap Core

FIXED INCOME ASSETS: 69%

Fixed Income: \$80 billion

- Short Credit
- Government
- Core & Core Plus
- Inflation Focused
- Corporate Credit
- Bank Loan
- Multi-Sector
- Emerging Markets Corporate Debt
- Emerging Markets Currency
- Long Duration
- High Yield
- Convertible
- Emerging Markets Local Bond



Tax-Free Income: \$16 billion

- Short, Intermediate, & Long
- AMT Free
- State Specific
- High Yield

¹Totals include fund-of-fund assets. ²Includes allocation to fixed income assets.

Note: Assets under management data is as of 09/30/2014 unless noted and includes approximately \$1.4 billion for which Lord Abbett provides investment models to managed account sponsors.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE & INVESTMENT TEAMS

Daria L. Foster
Managing Partner

Client Services

Investment Services

Core Services

Robert I. Gerber, Ph.D.
Partner & Chief Investment Officer

Fixed Income

Robert A. Lee
Partner & Director

Tax-Free Income

Dan S. Solender, CFA
Partner & Director

U.S. Equity Portfolio Management

10 Portfolio Managers

Global Equity Research

David J. Linsen, CFA
Partner & Director

International Equity

Vincent J. McBride
Partner & Director

Quantitative Research

Walter H. Prah, Ph.D.
Partner & Director

Equity Risk Management

Alec I. Crawford
Partner & Chief Risk Officer

10 Portfolio Managers
5 Associate Portfolio Managers
20 Credit Research Analysts
5 Traders
2 Research Analysts
2 Portfolio Analysts

2 Portfolio Managers
4 Associate Portfolio Managers
6 Research Analysts

1 Associate Portfolio Manager
8 Small/Smid Cap Research Analysts
8 Traders

24 Global Equity Research Analysts

2 Portfolio Managers
1 Associate Portfolio Manager
1 Research Analyst
2 Traders
1 Strategist

6 Research Analysts

2 Risk Officers

129 Investment Professionals with an average of 16 years industry experience

As of 10/31/2014.



DEEP, EXPERIENCED INVESTMENT RESOURCES

Portfolio Management

Justin C. Maurer
Partner & Portfolio Manager
23 Years

Thomas B. Maher
Partner & Portfolio Manager
25 Years

Research

Dennis K. Morgan, CFA
19 Years

John C. Hardy
11 Years

Jason B. Loeb, CFA
22 Years

Corwin J. Shropshire, CFA
12 Years

Robert S. Clark, CFA
10 Years

Client Portfolio Management

Charles F. Hofer, CFA
Partner
37 Years

Risk Management

Alec I. Crawford
Partner & Chief Risk Officer
26 Years

2 Risk Management Professionals
8 Years Average

Equity Resources

18 Additional Investment Professionals
23 Years Average

David J. Linsen, CFA
Partner & Director of Research
18 Years

24 Global Equity Research Analysts
16 Years Average

Equity Trading

Ted Oberhaus
Partner & Director of Trading
32 Years

9 Equity Traders
25 Years Average

Years refers to years of industry experience, as of 01/01/2014.

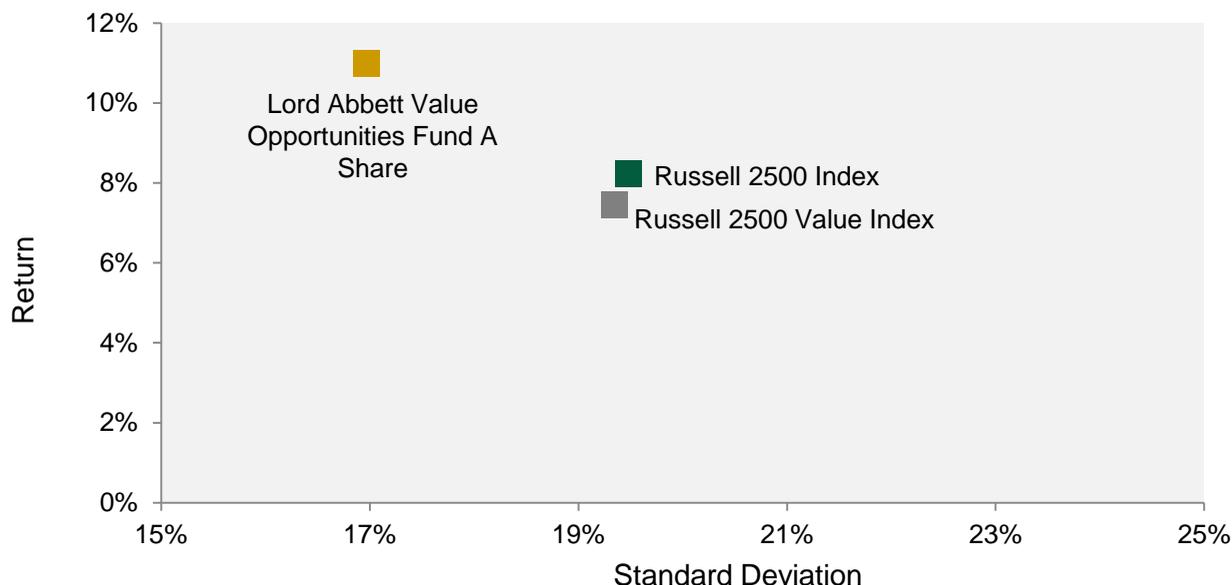


QUALITY VALUE INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We believe strong long-term risk-adjusted returns can be achieved by:

- Active management that utilizes a repeatable process and collaborative teamwork
- Comprehensive research that rigorously challenges consensus to identify opportunities
- Insightful risk management designed to enhance investment decisions

RISK-RETURN CHART AS OF 09/30/2014



Source: Zephyr Associates, Inc.

Analysis period includes Value Opportunities Fund from 1/01/2006 through 09/30/2014. **Performance data quoted reflect past performance and are no guarantee of future results. Please see Performance and Attribution sections for Fund performance. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data 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.**

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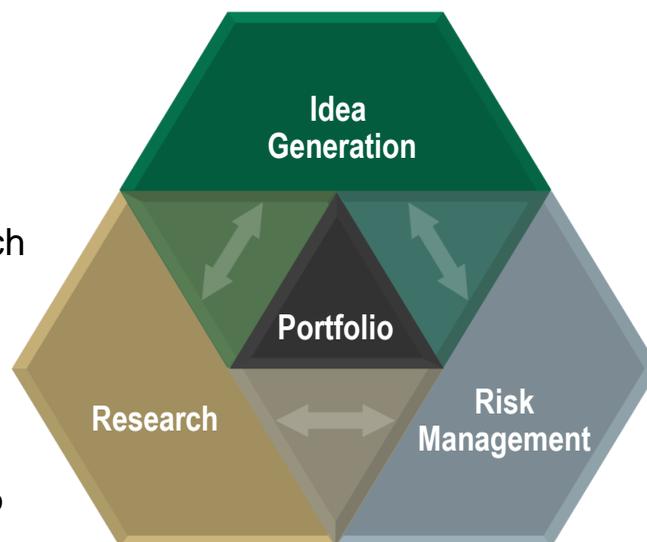
MULTIFACETED PROCESS AT EVERY STEP

Comprehensive Idea Generation

- Multi-factor model screens for compelling valuations
- Portfolio manager/analyst insights about company and industry drivers
- Company visits, management meetings, and industry conferences

Rigorous, Collaborative Research

- Collaboration between dedicated investment team and centralized research specialists
- Identification of catalysts through focused analysis
- Determination of reward-to-risk ratio



Insightful Risk Management

- Assess company-specific risks
- Manage portfolio risks
- Clear understanding of intended and unintended risks

Disciplined Portfolio Construction

- Actively managed portfolio of 80-110 holdings
- Continuously evaluate holdings to balance risk and reward
- Sell discipline based on valuation and fundamentals



INVESTMENT UNIVERSE: \$500 M TO \$10 B



IDEA GENERATION



IDEA VALIDATION

- Multi-Factor Model
 - Historically attractive valuations
 - Indicators of positive change
- Portfolio Manager/Analyst Insights
 - Dedicated Smid Cap Value Team
 - U.S. Equity Research Team

- Daily discussion and challenge meetings
- Company visits and management meetings
- Relevant company, industry, macroeconomic news
- Sell-side analysts
- Leverage other Lord Abbett equity and fixed income teams

Qualified candidates for in-depth fundamental research



FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH



VALUATION ANALYSIS

- Collective framework
 - Generalists for broad market perspectives
 - Specialists for industry expertise
 - Focus of analysis
 - Business model
 - Industry trends
 - Regulatory environment
 - Relevant drivers
 - Identification of catalysts
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- Analysts project earnings and multiple potential based on fundamental factors
 - Prospective reward-to-risk ratio calculated using historical valuations

High-conviction ideas distinct from consensus



ASSESSING COMPANY RISKS



MANAGING PORTFOLIO RISKS

- Focus on stocks trading below historical valuations
- Deep understanding of company fundamentals
- Emphasis on competency of management
- Impact analysis of key drivers

- Comprehensive risk analysis
 - Sector/style exposures
 - Market cap exposures
 - Cyclical vs. defensive positioning
- Thematic scenario analysis
 - Macroeconomic events
 - Industry conditions

Clear understanding of intended and unintended risks



- Actively managed portfolio of 80-110 holdings
- Position weights determined by reward-to-risk ratios and conviction in catalysts
- Strategic adjustments to position sizes to mitigate unwanted risks and potentially capitalize on opportunities
- Continuous evaluation of current holdings vs. new ideas
- Sell discipline based on valuation and fundamentals



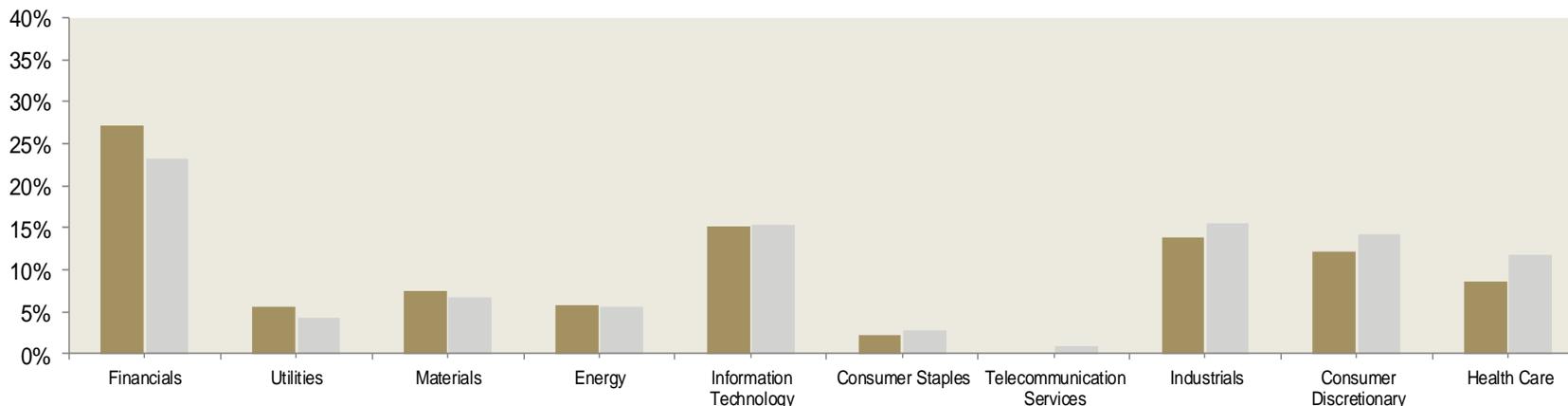
Diversified portfolio that seeks to balance risk and reward



ACTIVELY MANAGED EXPOSURES

AS OF 09/30/2014

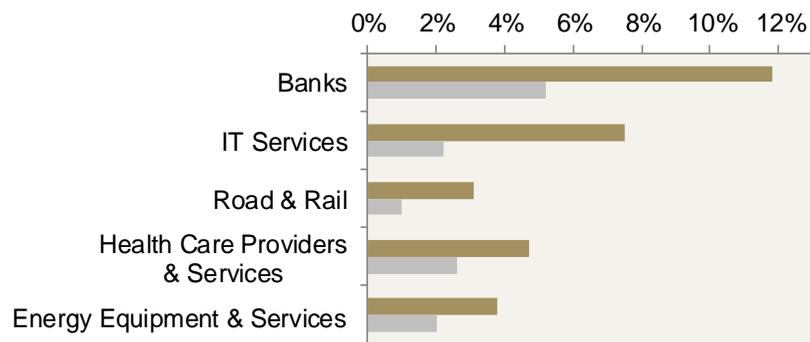
SECTOR ALLOCATION



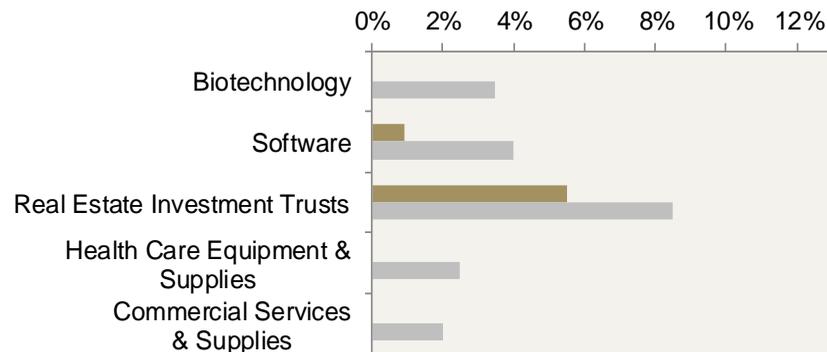
Active Weight +4.1% +1.2% +0.8% +0.2% -0.1% -0.5% -0.9% -1.6% -2.2% -3.2%

INDUSTRY ALLOCATION

TOP OVERWEIGHTS



TOP UNDERWEIGHTS



■ Value Opportunities Fund

■ Russell 2500 Index

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TOP TEN HOLDINGS

AS OF 09/30/2014

Company Name	Sector*	Industry*	% of Portfolio
Akamai Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology	Internet Software & Services	2.2
Ryder System, Inc.	Industrials	Road & Rail	2.0
HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.	Financials	Insurance	1.9
PacWest Bancorp	Financials	Banks	1.8
Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	1.8
Jarden Corp.	Consumer Discretionary	Household Durables	1.7
American Water Works Co., Inc.	Utilities	Water Utilities	1.5
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	Materials	Metals & Mining	1.5
Comerica, Inc.	Financials	Banks	1.5
Community Health Systems, Inc.	Health Care	Health Care Providers & Services	1.5
Total			17.4%

Total Number of Holdings: 95

Holdings including asset allocations are presented to illustrate examples of the securities that the Fund has bought and the diversity of the areas in which the Fund may invest, and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future investments. Holdings are for informational purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any security. The Fund's portfolio is actively managed and Fund characteristics, including the ten largest active weights, may differ as of a more recent date and will vary significantly over time. *GICS Sectors & Industries.



CONSISTENTLY STRONG STOCK SELECTION

POSITIVE STOCK SELECTION IN 7 OF 8 YEARS

Year	Stock Selection* (%)	Sector Allocation (%)	Total Variance (%)
2006	14.0	-2.5	11.5
2007	9.2	10.4	19.6
2008	4.7	0.5	5.2
2009	1.7	6.6	8.3
2010	0.9	0.4	1.3
2011	3.2	-2.8	0.4
2012	-6.6	-1.6	-8.1
2013	4.1	-0.1	4.0

Source: Wilshire AtlasSM ("Wilshire"). Represents attribution relative to the Russell 2500TM Value Index, which was the primary benchmark for the strategy prior to 06/30/2014. Effective 06/30/2014, the primary benchmark has been changed to the Russell 2500TM Index. Performance data shown above is historical. **Past performance is not indicative of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data shown.** Indexes are unmanaged, do not reflect the deduction of fees or expenses, and are not available for direct investment. Please see Appendix for information "About Wilshire" and the calculation of performance attribution information and for "Important Performance and Other Information." The Fund's portfolio is actively managed and portfolio characteristics, such as individual holdings and sector weightings, may change significantly over time.

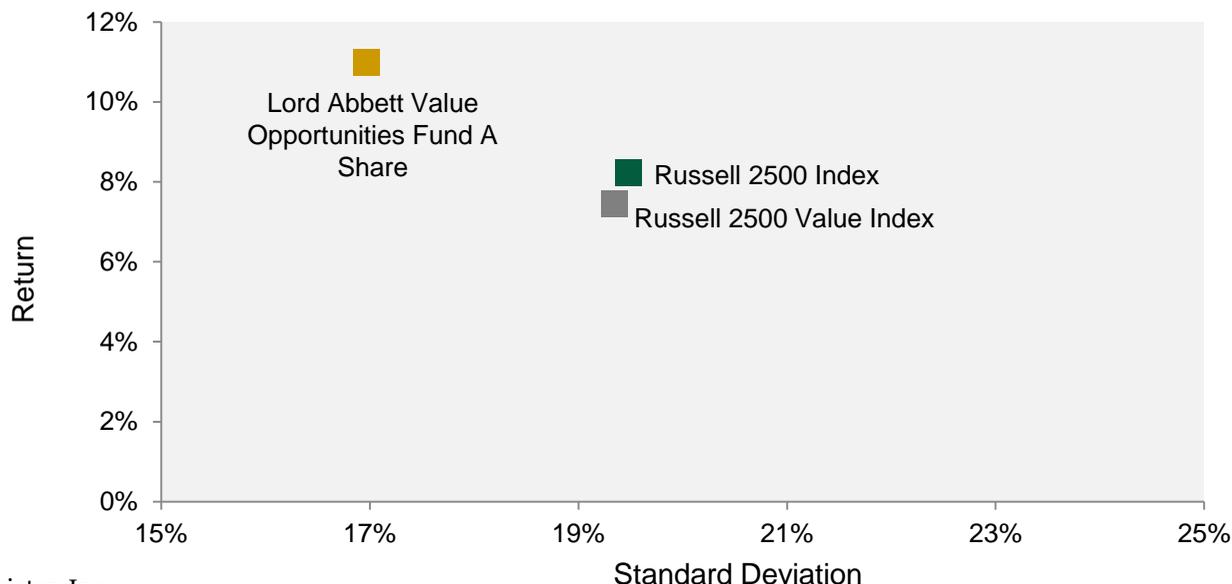


BENEFITS OF LORD ABBETT VALUE OPPORTUNITIES FUND

As an investment-led, investor-focused firm, we bring:

- An experienced team
- Comprehensive research
- Insightful risk management
- Disciplined portfolio construction

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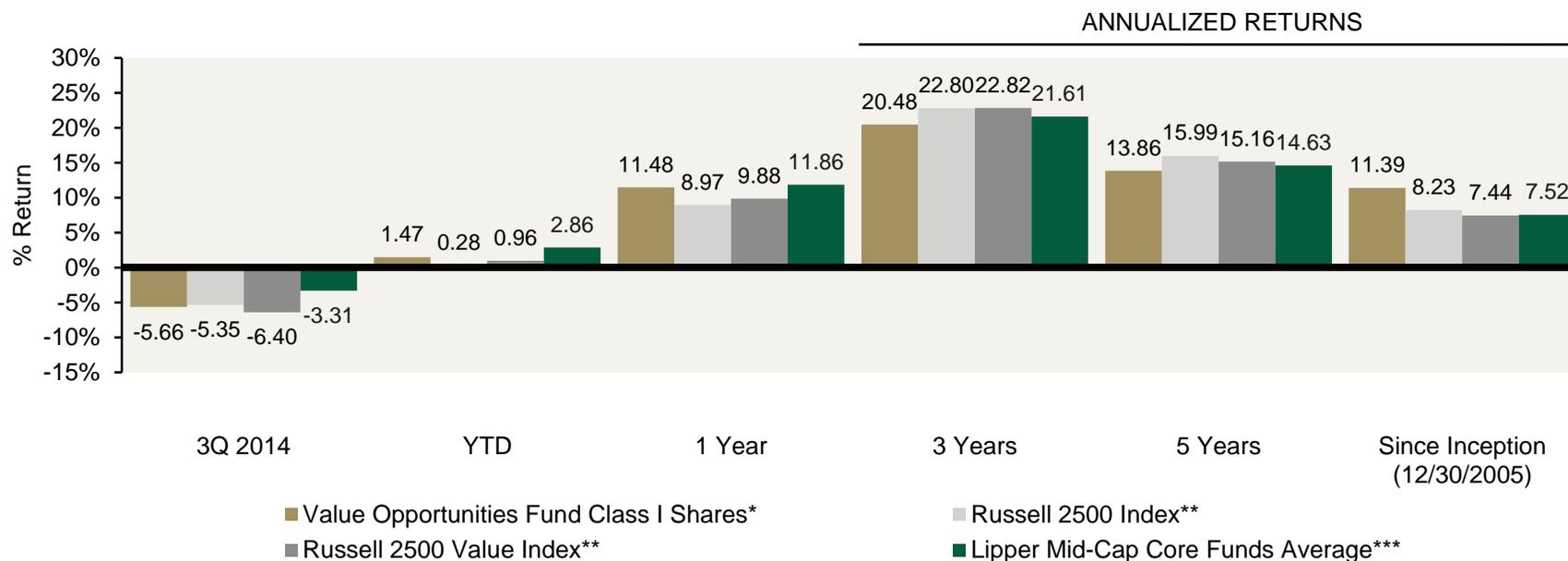
PERFORMANCE AND ATTRIBUTION





RATES OF RETURN

AS OF 09/30/2014



Expense Ratio: 0.93%

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Please see "Important Performance and Other Information."



CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

	Value Opportunities Fund (Class I Shares)*	Russell 2500™ Index**	Russell 2500™ Value Index**
2013	36.53%	36.80%	33.32%
2012	10.13%	17.88%	19.21%
2011	-3.83%	-2.51%	-3.36%
2010	24.91%	26.71%	24.82%
2009	34.27%	34.39%	27.68%
2008	-27.49%	-36.79%	-31.99%
2007	11.28%	1.38%	-7.27%
2006	29.41%	16.16%	20.18%

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MUTUAL FUND PEER GROUP COMPARISON

AS OF 09/30/2014

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception	Expense Ratio
Value Opportunities Fund (I Shares)[†]	1.47%	11.48%	20.48%	13.86%	11.39%⁽¹⁾	0.93%
Russell 2500™ Index*	0.28	8.97	22.80	15.99	8.23	
Russell 2500™ Value Index*	0.96	9.88	22.82	15.16	7.44	
Lipper Mid-Cap Core Funds Average**	2.86	11.86	21.61	14.63	7.52	
Percentile Ranking (I Shares)	66	50	71	73	2	
Arithmetic Ranking (I Shares)	251/384	187/378	239/337	215/296	4/218	
Morningstar Mid-Cap Blend Funds Average***	3.00	12.20	21.86	14.91	7.44	
Percentile Ranking (I Shares)	69	58	74	77	N/A	
Arithmetic Ranking (I Shares)	269/391	219/379	241/326	231/299	N/A	

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ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS: 3Q 2014

AS OF 09/30/2014

Sectors*	Value Opportunities Fund		Russell 2500™ Index		Variance		
	Average Weight %	Base Return %	Average Weight %	Base Return %	Stock Selection %	Group Weight %	Total %
Industrials	13.6	-5.0	15.8	-7.4	0.4	0.0	0.4
Financials	26.1	-2.9	22.7	-4.1	0.3	0.1	0.4
Health Care	8.4	4.6	11.4	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.2
Utilities	5.8	-4.2	4.3	-7.4	0.2	0.0	0.2
Consumer Staples	2.0	0.7	2.9	-6.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Telecommunication Services	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Information Technology	14.4	-5.6	15.3	-5.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Consumer Discretionary	11.3	-6.6	14.1	-4.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.3
Materials	8.0	-11.1	6.8	-6.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.4
Energy	9.1	-17.2	5.8	-16.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Cash	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Total	100.0	-5.4	100.0	-5.4	0.5	-0.5	0.0

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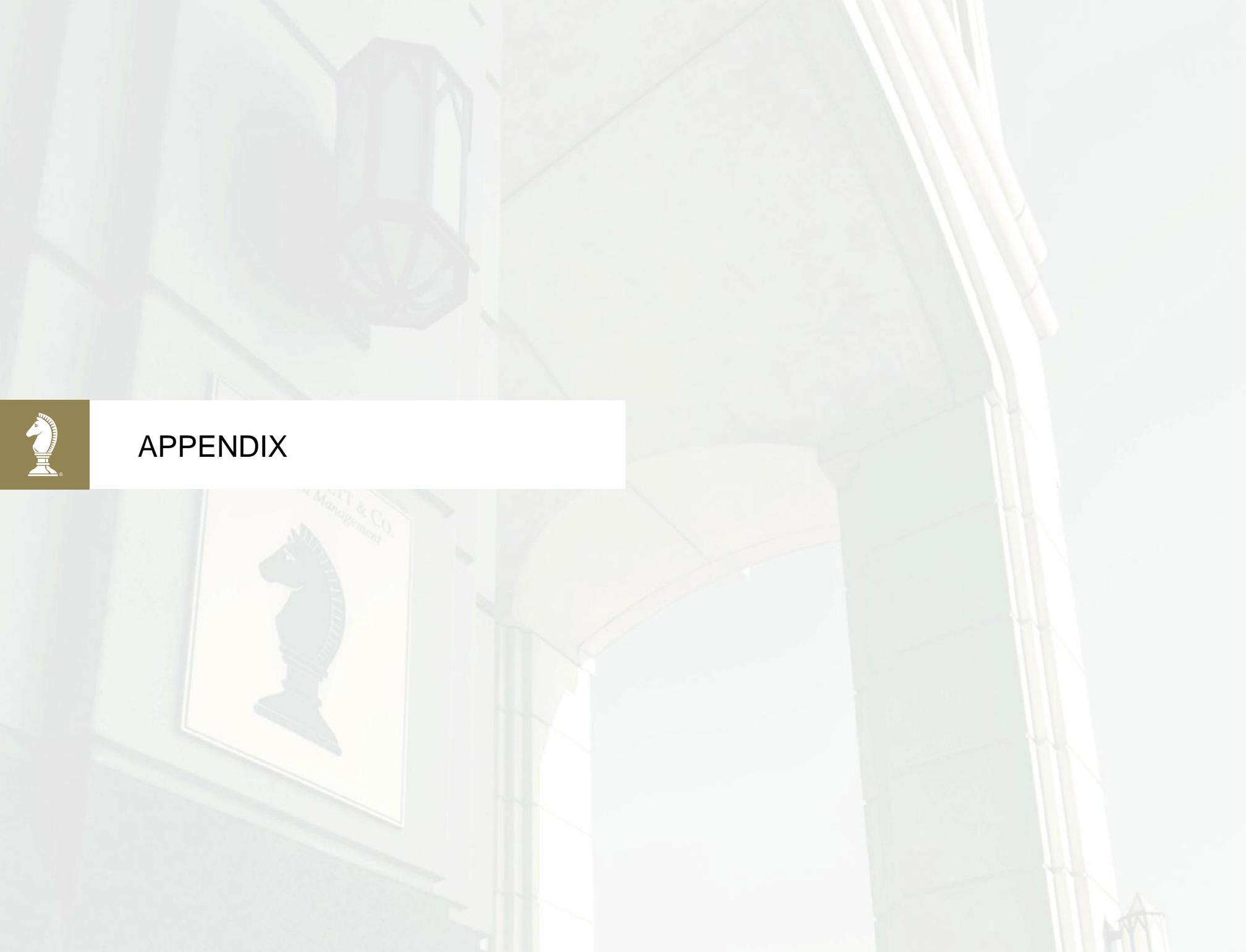
PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS: 3Q 2014

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Largest Contributors	Ticker	% Contribution
Community Health Systems, Inc. Health Care	CYH	0.23
Team Health Holdings, Inc. Health Care	TMH	0.16
Bunge Ltd. Consumer Staples	BG	0.08
Actavis plc Health Care	ACT	0.08
Spirit Airlines, Inc. Industrials	SAVE	0.07

Largest Detractors	Ticker	% Contribution
New York Times Co. Consumer Discretionary	NYT	-0.31
GulfMark Offshore, Inc. Energy	GLF	-0.30
Synaptics, Inc. Information Technology	SYNA	-0.27
Allegheny Technologies, Inc. Materials	ATI	-0.24
Frank's International NV Energy	FI	-0.21

“% contribution” reflects the effect of the individual stock's performance on the Fund's overall performance. 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. GICS Sectors.



APPENDIX





KEY TEAM MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Name	Role	Years of Industry Experience	Years with Lord Abbett	Prior Professional Experience	Education
Robert I. Gerber, Ph.D.*	Chief Investment Officer	27	17	Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., Inc.; First Boston Corporation; State University of New York at Albany	BA, Union College; MA, Ph.D., Columbia University
Justin C. Maurer*	Portfolio Manager	23	13	Merrill Lynch; McDonald Investments; Key Corporation	BA, Baldwin-Wallace College; MBA, Case Western Reserve University
Thomas B. Maher*	Portfolio Manager	25	11	Invesco; Centurion Investment Group; Lynch & Mayer, Inc.	BS, Georgetown University; MBA, New York University
Dennis K. Morgan, CFA	Research Analyst	19	6	Neuberger Berman; Bear Stearns; Dreman Value Advisors	BS, The College of New Jersey
John C. Hardy	Research Analyst	11	2	Gleacher & Co.; American Technology Research, Inc.	BS, Cornell University
Jason B. Loeb, CFA	Research Analyst	21	16	BlackRock Financial Management; Hibbard Brown & Company	BA, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey



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Corwin J. Shropshire, CFA	Research Analyst	12	4	New Amsterdam Partners, LLC; Cayuga Fund, LLC; Delphi Automotive Systems	BA, Morehouse College; MBA, Cornell University
Robert S. Clark, CFA	Research Analyst	10	4	Turner Investment Partners; People's Bank	BS, Bryant College; MBA, Yale University
Charles F. Hofer, CFA*	Client Portfolio Manager	37	14	Christian Brothers Investment Services, Inc.; J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.; Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois	BS, University of Illinois
Alec I. Crawford*	Chief Risk Officer	26	2	Ziff Brothers Investments; RBS Greenwich Capital; Deutsche Bank Securities	AB, Harvard College
David J. Linsen, CFA*	Director of Research	18	13	J.P. Morgan; Raymond James & Associates	BS, Rutgers University
Ted Oberhaus*	Director of Trading	32	31	Brimberg & Co.	BA, Ohio Wesleyan University

All data as of 01/01/2014. *Partner of Lord Abbett.



GLOBAL EQUITY RESEARCH TEAM

David J. Linsen, CFA,
Partner & Director of Research, *18 Years*

John M. McMillin III, CFA,
Partner
U.S.
Consumer Staples
34 Years

Glenn P. McIsaac
U.S.
Utilities
32 Years

Yarek Aranowicz, CFA
International
Health Care, Industrials, Media
22 Years

Adrian R. D'Ambrosi, CFA
U.S.
Consumer Discretionary
20 Years

Rick Vallieres, CFA
U.S.
Information Technology
20 Years

Subrata Ghose, CFA
U.S.
Information Technology
19 Years

Devesh Karandikar
U.S.
Health Care
19 Years

Lavina Talukdar, CFA
U.S.
Health Care
19 Years

So Young Lee
U.S.
Consumer Discretionary,
Technology
17 Years

Randy M. Reynolds, CFA
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Telecommunications
17 Years

Gregory M. Wachsman, CFA
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Financials
17 Years

Naimish Shah
International
Autos, Info Technology, Retail
16 Years

Helen Gim Woronoff
U.S.
Consumer Discretionary
15 Years

Todor Petrov
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Materials, Telecom
15 Years

Eric A. Ghernati
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Jamie Sullivan, CFA
U.S.
Industrials
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Christopher Wiggins
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Jeff Arricale
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Financials
13 Years

Jonathan Chung
U.S.
Materials
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Heidi A. Lawrence
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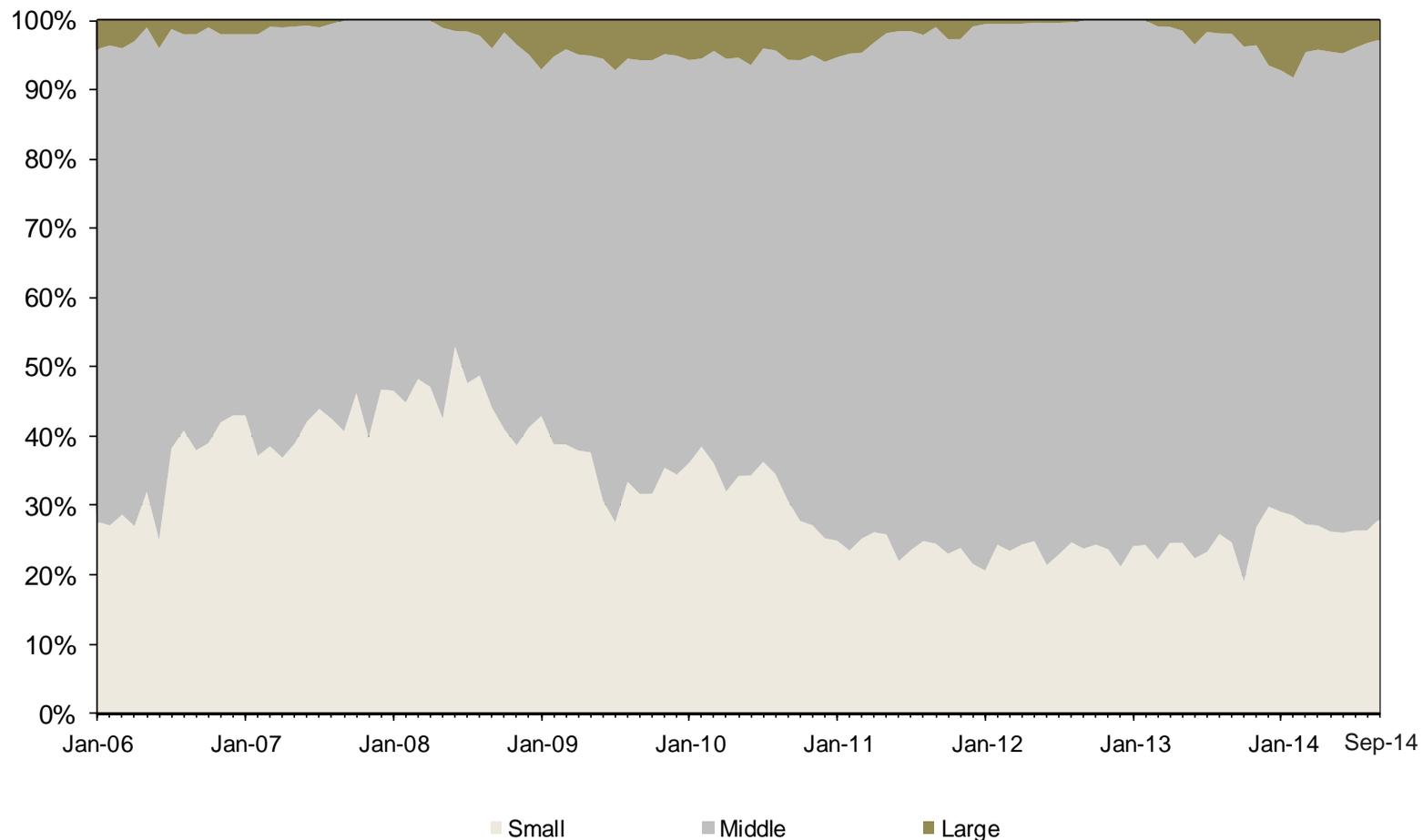
R. Rama Bondada
U.S.
Industrials
6 Years

Justin Kim
Associate Research Analyst
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Financials
2 Years



HISTORICAL MARKET CAP DISTRIBUTION

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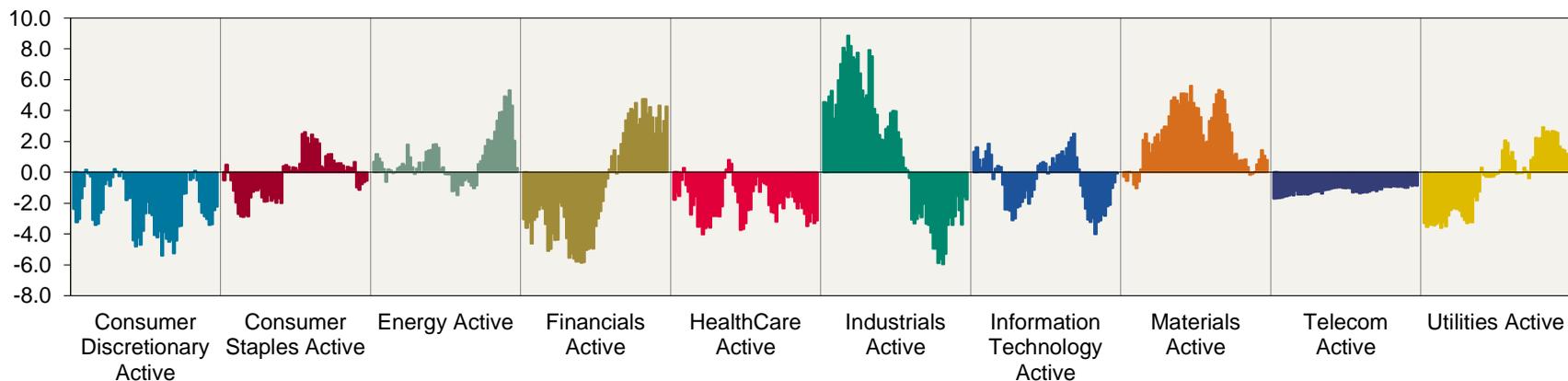
Source: Morningstar

% of Value Opportunities Fund in Large Cap, Mid Cap, Small Cap Market Segments as Defined by Morningstar

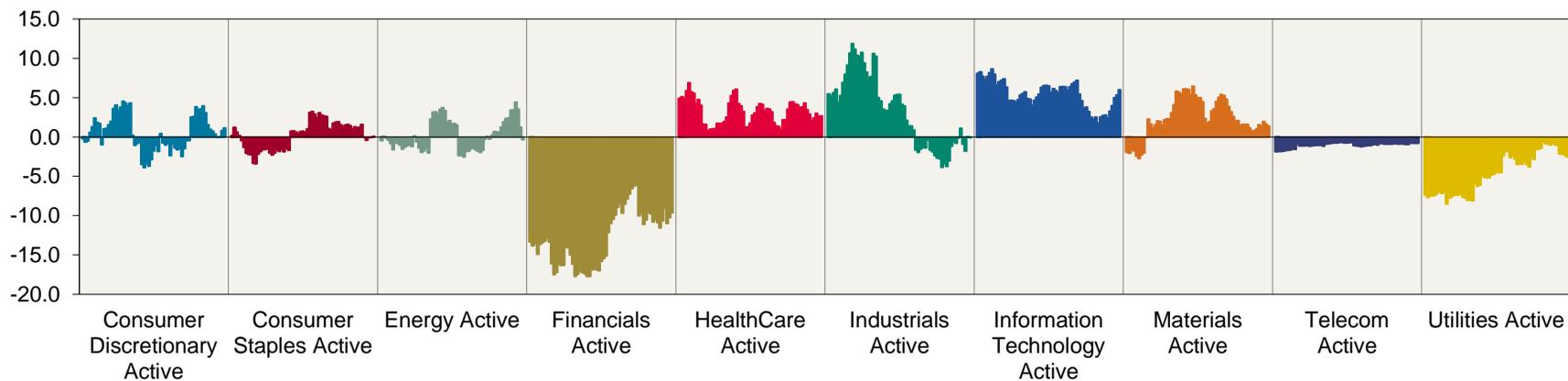


DYNAMIC SECTOR EXPOSURES

VALUE OPPORTUNITIES FUND VS RUSSELL 2500 INDEX Relative Sector Exposures for 5 Years ending 09/30/2014



VALUE OPPORTUNITIES FUND VS RUSSELL 2500 VALUE INDEX Relative Sector Exposures for 5 Years ending 09/30/2014



Source: AXIOMA

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GLOSSARY OF PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

5 Year EPS Growth (IBES Median)	The consensus outlook for a portfolio's EPS growth. I/B/E/S provides medians of research analysts' estimates for companies' long-term (typically five years) growth rates.
Price/Earnings Ratio (1 Year Forecast)	A ratio that reflects how much a stock costs relative to its earnings. It is calculated by dividing the current stock price by the estimated future earnings per share.
Return on Equity (5 Year Average)	A measurement of how much profit a company earned relative to the amount of shareholder's equity that is found on a company's balance sheet. It is calculated by taking the arithmetic average of the five most recent fiscal year-end ROE ratios.
Price/Cash Flow Ratio	A ratio that reflects how much a stock costs relative to its cash flow. It is calculated by dividing the current stock price by the cash flow per share.
Information Ratio	A ratio of portfolio returns above the returns of a benchmark (usually an index) to the volatility of those returns. The information ratio measures a portfolio manager's ability to generate excess returns relative to a benchmark, but also attempts to identify the consistency of the investor.
Sharpe Ratio	A measure that indicates the average return minus the risk-free return divided by the standard deviation of return on an investment.
Alpha	A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a portfolio and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index.
Standard Deviation	A measure of the historical volatility of a mutual fund or portfolio. A higher standard deviation number indicates a wider range of returns and a higher degree of portfolio risk. The performance data quoted reflect past performance and are no guarantee of future results.



ABOUT WILSHIRE

The Wilshire Atlas Variance Analysis tool provides a methodology for explaining the difference in performance between a portfolio and its benchmark, based on the decomposition of returns. The user specifies the portfolio, index, link frequency, sector and weighting. The weighting can be shown as beginning, average or end weights and is used for display purposes only.

Portfolio Weight	Portfolio Base Return	Benchmark Weight	Benchmark Base Return	Stock Selection	Group Weight	Total
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Weight (Portfolio): This is the average weight of each group in the portfolio. Alternatively, the weight at the end of the reporting period, or on average across the reporting period, may be selected.

Base Return (Portfolio): This is the weighted average holding period return for the securities in each group. This weighted average is calculated for each link period using beginning weights and then the resulting values are linked together to calculate the displayed value.

Weight (Benchmark): This is the average weight of each group in the benchmark. Alternatively, the weight at the end of the reporting period, or on average across the reporting period, may be selected.

Base Return (Benchmark): This is the weighted average holding period return for the benchmark securities in each group. This weighted average is calculated for each link period using beginning weights, then the resulting values are linked together to calculate the displayed value.

Stock Selection Variance: This is the success of selection decisions within each group versus the benchmark. It is calculated for each link period using the following equation: $\text{Stock Selection Variance} = W_{P,G} * (R_{P,G} - R_{B,G})$, where $W_{P,G}$ = Weight of the group in the portfolio, $R_{P,G}$ = Return of the group in the portfolio, $R_{B,G}$ = Return of the group in the benchmark.

Group Weighting Variance: This is the result of weighting decisions in each group versus the benchmark. It is calculated for each link period using the following equation: $\text{Group Weighting Variance} = (W_{P,G} - W_{B,G}) * (R_{B,G} - R_{B,T})$, where $W_{P,G}$ = Weight of the group in the portfolio, $W_{B,G}$ = Weight of the group in the benchmark, $R_{B,G}$ = Return of the group in the benchmark, $R_{B,T}$ = Overall return of the benchmark.

Total Variance: This is the sum of group weighting and stock selection variances. This represents the amount of total variance that is explained by the selection and allocation decisions for each group.

Hedging Cost: This is the contribution due to the difference in the risk-free rates between currencies and is a function of the time left to maturity. It can be positive or negative, depending on the interest rate differentials between the long and short currencies. The hedge cost for each contract is calculated individually by multiplying its exposure by its hedge cost; then these contributions are summed to give the total contribution shown on the report.

Hedging Effect: This is the contribution due to hedging. It is calculated by multiplying the exposure associated with each currency forward by the portion of the forward's return due to currency fluctuations; then, each of the forward's contributions are summed together to give the total that appears in the Contribution Summary table. The return that is used in the calculation excludes the hedge cost.

Portfolio Return: This is the sum of each of contributions displayed in the Contribution Summary table.

Wilshire generated returns are calculated gross of fees based on end of day prices and do not capture intraday cash flow, price changes or trading activity, and therefore are subject to some variance from Lord Abbett returns. In addition, Wilshire and Lord Abbett may use different pricing sources and methodologies.

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