

# HEARTLAND MID CAP VALUE FUND

December 31, 2020



## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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**Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in mid-cap, dividend-paying companies**

### OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™ IN MID-CAP VALUE CATEGORY

Overall Morningstar Rating™ as of 12/31/2020, out of 396 Mid-Cap Value funds, based on risk-adjusted performance for investor class shares.

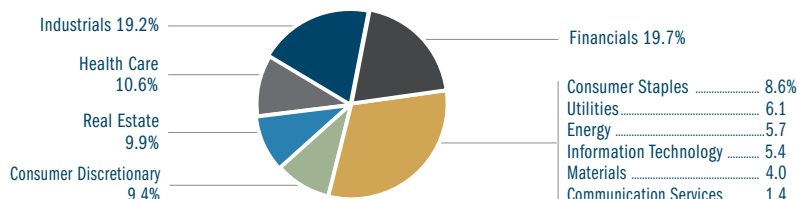


### GROWTH OF A HYPOTHETICAL \$10,000 INVESTMENT

(Investor Class, Since Inception: October 31, 2014)



### SECTOR ALLOCATION (Sector Weights are a Percent of Equity Investments and Subject to Change)



### VALUATION ANALYSIS (Equity Securities Only, Weighted Harmonic Average Unless Otherwise Noted)



### FIVE YEAR RISK STATISTICS

	Beta vs. Market	Annualized Alpha vs. Market	Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio vs. Market	R-Squared (%)	Active Share
Mid Cap Value Fund	0.99	1.50	19.02	0.53	0.35	94.68	92.62
Russell Midcap® Value Index	1.00	–	18.60	0.46	–	100.00	–

Market is defined as the Russell Midcap® Value Index.

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	Investor Class	Institutional Class
Ticker	HRMDX	HNMDX
CUSIP	422352815	422352799
NAV	\$13.03	\$13.08
Initial Investment	1,000	500,000
Subsequent Investment	100	100
IRA Initial Investment	500	500,000

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Number of Holdings*	49
Assets Under Management	\$230 mil.
Median Market Cap	8.9 bil.
Weighted Average Market Cap	14.2 bil.
Net Assets in Dividend Paying Companies	91.7%

### TOP HOLDINGS\* (% of Net Assets)

Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.	4.10
Encompass Health Corp	3.79
The Charles Schwab Corp.	3.69
Public Storage	3.43
AMERCO	3.21
Raymond James Financial, Inc.	3.19
Advance Auto Parts, Inc.	3.18
PS Business Parks, Inc.	3.15
DENTSPLY SIRONA, Inc.	2.84
Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	2.81

\*Portfolio holdings exclude cash equivalents. Current and future holdings are subject to change and risk. For a complete list of the Fund's portfolio securities visit heartlandadvisors.com.



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## INVESTMENT STRATEGY/DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTIC

The Mid Cap Value Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. It invests in mid-size, dividend paying companies with a market cap range defined by the Russell Midcap® Index. The Fund utilizes Heartland's disciplined and time-tested 10 Principles of Value Investing™, designed to capture upside potential while minimizing downside risk.

## HEARTLAND'S 10 PRINCIPLES OF VALUE INVESTING™

Low Price to Earnings	} Together, these Principles drive all buy and sell decisions	} Catalyst for Recognition	
Low Price to Cash Flow			Capable Management and Insider Ownership
Low Price to Book Value			Sound Business Strategy
Value of the Company			Positive Earnings Dynamics
Financial Soundness			Positive Technical Analysis

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (Annualized for Multi-Year Periods)

As of December 31, 2020	4Q 2020	Year-To-Date	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Since Inception
Mid Cap Value Fund Investor Class	25.49%	6.93%	6.93%	7.00%	11.25%	8.02%
Mid Cap Value Fund Institutional Class	25.60	7.18	7.18	7.27	11.53	8.29
Russell Midcap® Value Index	20.43	4.96	4.96	5.37	9.73	7.40

## CALENDAR YEAR ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Mid Cap Value Fund Investor Class	25.30%	-8.58%	8.11%	28.67%	-7.08%
Mid Cap Value Fund Institutional Class	25.58	-8.28	8.37	28.97	-6.89
Russell Midcap® Value Index	27.06	-12.29	13.34	20.00	-4.78

Index Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc. and Russell®.

The inception date for the Mid Cap Value Fund is 10/31/2014 for the investor and institutional class.

*In the prospectus dated 5/1/2020, the Net Fund Operating Expenses for the investor and institutional classes of the Mid Cap Value Fund are 1.10% and 0.85%, respectively. The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its management fees and/or reimburse expenses of the Fund to ensure that Net Fund Operating Expenses for the Fund do not exceed 1.10% of the Fund's average net assets for the investor class shares and 0.85% for the institutional class shares, through at least 5/1/2022, and subject thereafter to annual reapproval of the agreement by the Board of Directors. Without such waiver and/or reimbursements, the Gross Fund Operating Expenses would be 1.36% for the investor class shares and 1.07% for the institutional class shares.*

*Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance represents past performance; current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. All returns reflect reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions, but do not reflect the deduction of taxes that an investor would pay on distributions or redemptions. Subject to certain exceptions, shares of a Fund redeemed or exchanged within 10 days of purchase are subject to a 2% redemption fee. Performance does not reflect this fee, which if deducted would reduce an individual's return. To obtain performance through the most recent month end, call 800-432-7856 or visit heartlandadvisors.com.*

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As of 12/31/2020 the Mid Cap Value Fund investor class was rated against - 349, and 396 U.S.-domiciled Mid-Cap Value funds over the 3-, 5-year, and overall periods, respectively and has Morningstar's 4-star rating for 3-, 5-star rating for 5-year, and 5-star rating for the overall periods.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Active Share** is the percentage of a portfolio that differs from a benchmark index.

**Alpha** is an annual measure of a portfolio's return in excess of the market return, both adjusted for risk. It is a measure of the manager's contribution to performance due to security selection. A positive annual Alpha indicates that the portfolio outperformed the market on a risk-adjusted basis, and a negative annual Alpha indicates the portfolio did worse than the market.

**Beta** is a measure of the sensitivity of a portfolio's rates of return against those of the market. A Beta less than 1.00 indicates volatility less than that of the market.

**Information Ratio** of a manager series vs. a benchmark series is the quotient of the annualized excess return and the annualized standard deviation of excess return. The Information Ratio measures the consistency with which a manager beats a benchmark.

**Net Debt/Total Capital Ratio** of a stock is calculated as a company's interest-bearing liabilities minus cash or cash equivalents divided by its total capital, which is represented by the company's debt and shareholders' equity, and includes common stock, preferred stock, minority interest and net debt.

**Price/Book Value Ratio** is calculated by dividing the market price of its stock by the company's per-share book value.

**Price/Cash Flow Ratio** represents the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar generated from a particular company's operations. It shows the ability of a business to generate cash and acts as a gauge of liquidity and solvency.

**Price/Earnings Ratio** of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its trailing or its forward 12 months' earnings per share.

**R-Squared** is a statistical measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index.

**Sharpe Ratio** is the average return, less the risk-free return, divided by the standard deviation of return. The ratio measures the relationship of reward to risk in an investment strategy.

**Standard Deviation** is a measure of volatility of returns and is computed as the square root of the average squared deviation of the returns from the mean value of the return.

**Russell Midcap® Value Index** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth characteristics.

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## INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The Mid Cap Value Fund invests in a smaller number of stocks (generally 30 to 60) than the average mutual fund. The performance of these holdings generally will increase the volatility of the Fund's returns. The Fund also invests in mid-sized companies on a value basis. Mid-sized securities generally are more volatile and less liquid than those of larger companies. There can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to or maintain an economically viable size, in which case the Board of Directors may determine to liquidate the Fund. There is no assurance that dividend paying stocks will mitigate volatility. Value investments are subject to the risk that their intrinsic value may not be recognized by the broad market.

## INVESTMENT GOAL

The Mid Cap Value Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation and modest current income.