

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks capital growth and income by investing in mid-capitalization companies at the intersection of value, quality, and shareholder yield. NFJ seeks to invest in companies diversified across industries with superior competitive positions and consistent financials, employing a time-tested process that capitalizes on low market expectations and strong prospects.

**KEY FEATURES**

**Innovative Approach to Value** — The investment team uses big data and data analytics to uncover differentiated insights into valuations quickly and efficiently

**Focus on Fundamentals** — A disciplined, fundamental research process helps identify companies with attractive quality characteristics, shareholder yield, and consistent financials

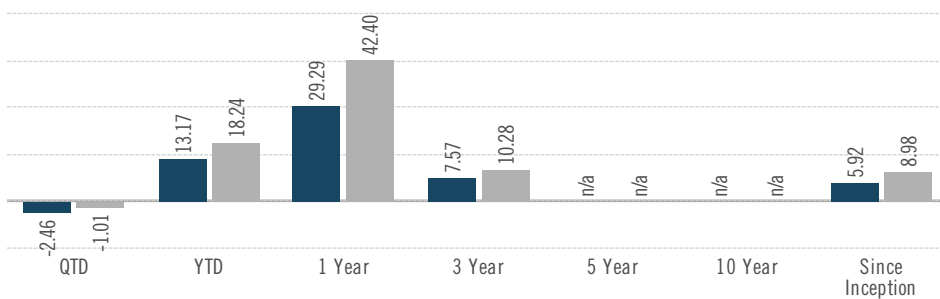
**Decades of Value Investing Experience** — NFJ’s boutique structure and flat organization has fostered an entrepreneurial mindset and collaborative culture since 1989

**FUND INFORMATION**

|                      | <b>Ticker</b> | <b>CUSIP</b> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| A Shares             | PQNAX         | 92837N279    |
| ADMIN Shares         | PRAAX         | 92837N212    |
| C Shares             | PQNCX         | 92837N261    |
| Institutional Shares | PRNIX         | 92837N220    |
| P Shares             | ANRPX         | 92837N238    |
| R6 Shares            | ANPRX         | 92837N246    |

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Inception Date       | 12/18/17                    |
| AUM (\$ millions)    | 1,384.0                     |
| Number of Holdings   | 120                         |
| Dividends            | Annually                    |
| Morningstar Category | Mid-Cap Value               |
| Lipper Category      | Multi-Cap Value Funds       |
| Index                | Russell Midcap® Value Index |

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)** as of 09/30/2021 ■ Fund Class R6 ■ Index



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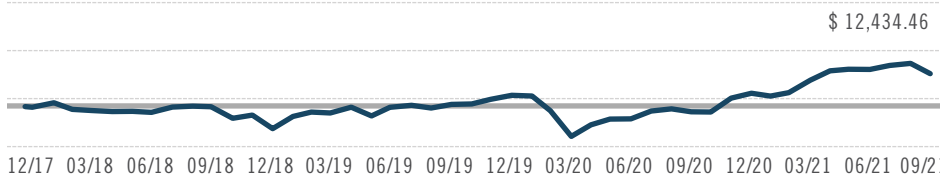
The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.74%. The net expense ratio is 0.60%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/1/2023.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns.

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

|              | 2020 | 2019  | 2018   | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------|------|-------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Fund</b>  | 1.40 | 29.45 | -15.90 | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  |
| <b>Index</b> | 4.96 | 27.06 | -12.29 | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  | n/a  |

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 12/18/2017. As of 9/30/2021 the fund value would have been \$12,434.46. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

**Effective February 1, 2021, this fund's name and investment adviser have changed. The fund's distributor is now VP Distributors, LLC.**

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

| Time Period | # of Stars | # of Funds |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Overall     | ★★★        | 391        |
| 3 Year      | ★★★        | 391        |
| 5 Year      | Not Rated  | n/a        |
| 10 Year     | Not Rated  | n/a        |

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive future performance.

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



NFJ Investment Group (NFJ) is a global value equity manager with a rich heritage and deep roots in Dallas, Texas, dating to 1989. NFJ is unwavering in its commitment to investing at the intersection of value, quality, and shareholder yield, seeking to identify companies with low market expectations and the strongest prospects for returning capital to shareholders.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**Paul A. Magnuson**  
 Industry start date: 1985  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2009

**John R. Mowrey, CFA**  
 Industry start date: 2007  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2014

**Jeff N. Reed, CFA**  
 Industry start date: 2004  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2011

**J. Garth Reilly**  
 Industry start date: 2005  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2020

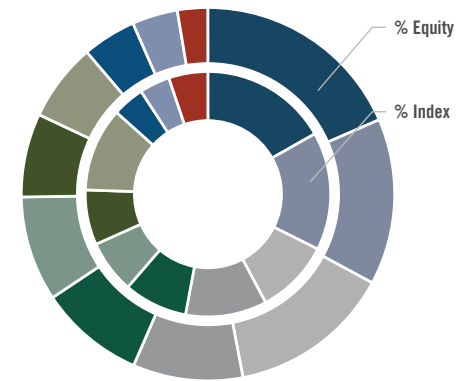
| CHARACTERISTICS                   | Fund  | Index |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)     | 29.20 | 20.68 |
| Median Market Cap (bn)            | 23.29 | 10.32 |
| Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings | 16.68 | 17.47 |
| Price-to-Cash Flow                | 19.19 | 18.32 |
| Price-to-Book Value               | 4.05  | 3.19  |
| 3-Year EPS Growth Rate            | 14.59 | 9.18  |
| 5-Year EPS Growth Rate            | 15.69 | 9.39  |
| Active Share                      | 79.29 | n/a   |
| 3-Year DPS Growth Rate            | 10.62 | 6.47  |

| RISK STATISTICS<br>(3 YEAR) | Fund  | Index |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Alpha                       | -1.78 | n/a   |
| Beta                        | 0.90  | 1.00  |
| R <sup>2</sup>              | 0.94  | 1.00  |
| Sharpe Ratio                | 0.30  | 0.40  |
| Standard Deviation          | 21.56 | 23.11 |

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS                  | % Fund |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Teradyne, Inc.                    | 1.89   |
| Atmos Energy Corporation          | 1.50   |
| American Tower Corporation        | 1.39   |
| Xcel Energy Inc.                  | 1.37   |
| PulteGroup, Inc.                  | 1.27   |
| Micron Technology, Inc.           | 1.25   |
| Best Buy Co., Inc.                | 1.22   |
| McCormick & Company, Incorporated | 1.20   |
| Eversource Energy                 | 1.17   |
| Mercury Systems, Inc.             | 1.12   |

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



| SECTOR                 | % Equity | % Index |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Financials             | 18.47    | 16.82   |
| Industrials            | 14.41    | 15.56   |
| Information Technology | 14.12    | 9.84    |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9.53     | 10.73   |
| Health Care            | 9.13     | 8.38    |
| Utilities              | 9.10     | 6.98    |
| Materials              | 7.25     | 7.25    |
| Real Estate            | 6.75     | 11.06   |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.66     | 4.19    |
| Communication Services | 3.95     | 4.02    |
| Energy                 | 2.63     | 5.16    |

IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Volatility:** Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the portfolio and its investments, including hampering the ability of the portfolio manager(s) to invest the portfolio's assets as intended. **Issuer Risk:** The portfolio will be affected by factors specific to the issuers of securities and other instruments in which the portfolio invests, including actual or perceived changes in the financial condition or business prospects of such issuers. **Equity Securities:** The market price of equity securities may be adversely affected by financial market, industry, or issuer-specific events. Focus on a particular style or on small or medium-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

GLOSSARY

**Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn):** The total dollar market value of all of a company's outstanding shares. **Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings:** Per share stock price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share. **Price-to-Cash Flow:** Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow. **Price-to-Book Value:** A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. **3-Year EPS Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3-year period. **5-Year EPS Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 5-year period. **Active Share:** A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. **3-Year DPS Growth Rate:** Average of dividends per share growth for latest 3-year period. **Alpha:** A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. **Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **R<sup>2</sup>:** A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. **Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

INDEX DEFINITION

Index: The Russell Midcap® Value Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of medium-capitalization, value-oriented stocks of U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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