

Fund Manager Commentary

As of June 30, 2025

Fund Highlights

- Utilizes a bottom-up security selection process that screens potential investments against a proprietary quantitative model for return on capital, earnings to value ratio, free cash flow and return on equity
- Looks at a company's corporate governance structure and management incentives to try to ascertain whether or not management's interests are aligned with shareholder interests
- Seeks to identify the sources of a company's competitive advantage as well as what levers management has at its disposal to increase shareholder value
- Seeks to purchase generally profitable, financially stable mid-cap companies that consistently generate high returns on unleveraged operating capital, are run by shareholder-oriented management, and are trading at a discount to their private market value

Market Recap

After the significant downturn in the first quarter, U.S. equities experienced a double-digit increase in the second quarter. Volatility surged in early April following new U.S. tariff announcements aimed at reshaping global trade. A double-digit, risk-on rally ensued following a temporary pause in tariff escalations, widespread optimism around enterprise artificial intelligence (AI), and a healthy earnings outlook. Additionally, improving sentiment, a healthy labor market, and expectations of future U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts further supported the upward momentum, even amidst geopolitical tensions and mixed economic signals. Growth styles led Value, and Large Caps outperformed Small Caps. Turning to market factors, Growth and Volatility posted the strongest returns, and most Momentum factors outperformed. Value and Yield factors had a negative impact, while Quality factors were mixed.

Portfolio Review

The Touchstone Mid Cap Fund (Class A Shares, Load Waived) underperformed its benchmark, the Russell MidCap® Index, for the quarter ended June 30, 2025.

Both sector allocation and stock selection were headwinds to relative performance. An underweight in Energy (a weaker performing sector) and overweight in Industrials (a better performing sector) were contributors to performance. While an underweight in Information Technology (a better performing sector) and overweight in Consumer Staples (a weaker performing sector) were detractors from performance.

The Fund produced solid absolute returns in the second quarter, but relative results came up short of our 85-90% upside capture

expectations. We received limited benefit from our Quality orientation, and our structural underexposure to high-momentum names was a material headwind. While the benchmark is broader down cap, the absence of owning the Top 10 performers contributed to over 40% of the underperformance this quarter. Pockets of weakness across several holdings further exacerbated relative performance headwinds amidst the risk-on rally. We elected to maintain our position in a few of the weaker positions, reflecting our long-term conviction in the businesses. The recent strength of some of the riskier, more speculative Mid Cap names is not driven by fundamentals, nor is it sustainable longer-term. Fortunes can change quickly with a high conviction portfolio, and we remain confident in the operating metrics of the Fund's portfolio companies.

Three of the top contributors in the quarter were Amphenol Corp. (Information Technology sector), Dollar Tree, Inc. (Consumer Staples sector), and NewMarket Corp. (Materials sector).

Amphenol Corp. was a top name as it is a beneficiary of AI spending, driven by surging demand for its electronic connectors, interconnect systems, antennas, and sensors used in AI datacenters. As such, the stock has been very strong as of late. We remain positive on Amphenol's diversified business model, market leadership, and robust balance sheet, which positions it for sustained growth.

Dollar Tree, Inc. was a top performer after it reached an agreement in March to sell its underperforming Family Dollar business, a decade-long drag on growth and margins. This divestiture has driven a stock re-rating, reflecting a higher-quality company focused on value creation at the Dollar Tree banner. The recent

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elimination of the de minimis exemption has yielded positive sentiment towards retailers like Dollar Tree. We remain attracted to its pricing flexibility and margin enhancement opportunity.

NewMarket Corp. outperformed this quarter, fueled by strong American Pacific revenue growth from better volume and product mix, despite weaker petroleum additives results. The planned capacity expansion for the American Pacific business signals robust demand for rocket additives in a stable, oligopolistic market. Management prioritizes debt reduction and shareholder returns through dividends and buybacks.

Three of the top detractors in the quarter were Copart Inc. (Industrials sector), Entegris Inc. (Information Technology sector), and Churchill Downs Inc. (Consumer Discretionary sector).

Copart Inc. was a bottom performer after reporting softer earnings results with elevated expectations. Copart has been a top holding in 5 of the last 10 years. It has leading market share in all its markets and continues to expand its moat with capacity expansions. The fundamentals and trends remain strong for the business.

Entegris Inc. continues to be weak due to challenges from underutilized mainstream fabrication plants, less visibility in older technology, and weaker capital expenditure driven demand. Entegris' solutions for advanced technology and incremental wafer content gains continue to trend upward. Entegris is one of the most diversified players in the semi-materials industry, with its size and scale. We remain attracted to the industry's high barriers to entry, limited competitors, and high switching costs.

Churchill Downs Inc. has underperformed due to weakness in regional gaming, concern about consumer spending, and lower Derby profitability year-over-year. We note that the Derby was facing the 150th anniversary last year, and we continue to like Churchill Downs, its highly cash-generative assets, track record of good capital allocation, and opportunities to reinvest in the business at attractive returns.

We added to Dollar Tree following the sale of Family Dollar. Shares of Dollar Tree were very weak in 2023 and 2024 as the company struggled to turn around and/or find a buyer for Family Dollar. Post the Family Dollar sale, we believe Dollar Tree margins could improve while the stock trades at only 9x EV/EBITDA. Dollar Tree will also have a large tax loss carryforward to reduce future taxes.

Armstrong World Industries, Inc. (Industrials sector) and Post Holdings, Inc. (Consumer Staples sector) were trimmed on strength in the shares and our desire to manage the position size.

Skyworks Solutions, Inc. (Information Technology sector) was sold reflecting greater competition, client concentration, and recent management changes. We first purchased Skyworks in late 2018. Shares of Skyworks did well in the early years of our holding period, but the stock underperformed the broader market in recent years. While it is frustrating to sell on weakness, the recent loss of exclusivity on an iPhone 17 component with Apple highlights a significant risk to the firm. Apple represents over 60% of revenue to Skyworks, so any change in the relationship is meaningful. This is the second loss of a component used in iPhones in recent years and is a sign of greater competition from large players like

Qualcomm and Broadcom. Skyworks also recently fired their CEO, which is another risk in the future. We decided to sell based on these concerns.

Churchill Downs Inc. was added to during the quarter reflecting confidence in the long-term growth story, recent insider purchases, and an attractive valuation (less than 12x EBITDA).

Outlook and Conclusion

There is elevated uncertainty as we start the second half of 2025 with a high likelihood of greater tariffs being announced in the weeks ahead. Consumer confidence has declined recently due to the risks of additional tariffs, but the broader economic data still supports growth in the near term, although growth is decelerating. While we are not predicting a recession, the odds of a recession have increased. In terms of monetary policy, the Fed appears to be on a steady course for two or three rate cuts later in the year. The effect of tariffs on both inflation and the broader economy could change those plans, though.

In terms of the equity market, the S&P 500 is back to the expensive, concentrated territory in which it began the year. Meanwhile, the macro risk backdrop has deteriorated since the start of 2025, including labor market softening, ongoing tariff uncertainty, debt headwinds, geopolitical tensions, and unclear inflation trends. Equity returns in the near term may be modest, with shareholder yield (dividends, share repurchases, debt reduction) comprising a significant percentage of the total return from equities. We believe our high-Quality, low-Volatility orientation positions us well for an environment of elevated policy risks and fragile global growth. We remain rooted to our long-term, fundamental investment approach, focusing on company quality, sustainable returns on capital, and resilience across economic scenarios.



Fund Facts

Class	Inception Date	Symbol	CUSIP	Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio	
				Total	Net
A Shares	05/14/07	TMAPX	89155H629	1.17%	1.17%
C Shares	05/14/07	TM CJX	89155H611	1.91%	1.91%
Y Shares	01/02/03	TMCPX	89155H793	0.90%	0.90%
Z Shares	04/24/06	TMCTX	89155H785	1.24%	1.21%
INST Shares	01/27/12	TMPIX	89155T649	0.85%	0.85%
R6 Shares	02/22/21	TMPRX	89155T490	0.80%	0.79%
Total Fund Assets		\$5.5 Billion			

Expense ratio is annualized. Data as of the current prospectus. Touchstone Advisors has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its fees and/or reimburse certain Fund expenses in order to limit certain annual fund operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses "AFFE," and other expenses, if any) to 1.21% for Class A Shares, 1.96% for Class C Shares, 0.96% for Class Y Shares, 1.21% for Class Z Shares, 0.89% for Class INST Shares and 0.79% for Class R6 Shares. These expense limitations will remain in effect until at least 01/29/26.

Share class availability differs by firm.

Annualized Total Returns

	2Q25	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Excluding Max Sales Charge							
A Shares	5.38%	0.55%	5.99%	11.75%	10.47%	9.72%	10.54%
C Shares	5.20%	0.18%	5.20%	10.95%	9.67%	9.07%	10.14%
Y Shares	5.46%	0.69%	6.28%	12.06%	10.77%	10.00%	10.80%
Z Shares	5.37%	0.54%	5.94%	11.73%	10.45%	9.71%	10.50%
INST Shares	5.46%	0.70%	6.31%	12.12%	10.84%	10.08%	10.84%
R6 Shares	5.49%	0.74%	6.40%	12.20%	10.89%	10.06%	10.82%
Benchmark	8.53%	4.84%	15.21%	14.33%	13.11%	9.89%	11.12%
Including Max Sales Charge							
A Shares	0.11%	-4.47%	0.69%	9.86%	9.34%	9.07%	10.25%
C Shares	4.20%	-0.82%	4.20%	10.95%	9.67%	9.07%	10.14%

Max 5.00% sales charge for Class A Shares and 1% Contingent Deferred Sales Charge for Class C Shares held less than 1 year.

Benchmark - Russell Midcap® Index

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The performance presented for Class A, C, Z, INST and R6 Shares combines the performance of an older class of shares (Y Shares) from the Fund's inception, 01/02/03, with the performance since the inception date of each share class.

Top 10 Equity Holdings of Fund

	(% of Portfolio)		(% of Portfolio)
1 AerCap Holdings NV	5.0	6 Allison Transmission Holdings Inc.	3.9
2 Dollar Tree, Inc.	4.9	7 Fidelity National Information	3.8
3 Armstrong World Industries Inc.	4.4	8 M&T Bank Corp	3.7
4 Churchill Downs Inc.	4.4	9 Otis Worldwide Corp.	3.6
5 Somnigroup International Inc.	3.9	10 Entegris Inc.	3.5

Source: BNY Mellon Asset Servicing

The Russell Midcap® Index measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000® Index.

The indexes mentioned are unmanaged statistical composites of stock market or bond market performance. Investing in an index is not possible. Unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

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The Fund invests in equities which are subject to market volatility and loss. The Fund invests in stocks of mid-cap companies which may be subject to more erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies. The Adviser engages a sub-adviser to make investment decisions for the Fund's portfolio; it may be unable to identify and retain a sub-adviser who achieves superior investment returns relative to other similar sub-advisers. Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken to stimulate or stabilize economic growth may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact Fund performance and cause it to experience illiquidity, shareholder redemptions, or other potentially adverse effects. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate. A fund that focuses its investments in the securities of a particular market sector is subject to the risk that adverse circumstances will have a greater impact on the fund than a fund that does not focus its investments in a particular sector. The Fund's service providers are susceptible to cyber security risks that could result in losses to a Fund and its shareholders. Cyber security incidents could affect issuers in which a Fund invests, thereby causing the Fund's investments to lose value. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to change.

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