Touchstone Mid Cap Value Fund

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U.S. Equity – Mid-Cap Value 4Q/2025

Fund Manager Commentary

As of December 31, 2025

Fund Highlights

- Utilizes a classic value-driven fundamental investment process
- Seeks to identify companies believed to be selling at a discount to their intrinsic value
- Employs five valuation screens that seek to identify attractively priced securities
- Conducts in-depth research and analysis on the securities that pass the valuation screens in an effort to identify leading companies selling at attractive valuations
- Examines financial statements and assesses the company's management team, competitive strategy and its current market position

Market Recap

Style factors across our asset class were a modest headwind to performance. Within the Russell Midcap® Value Index, stocks in the lowest quintiles of return on equity outperformed those in higher quintiles. High beta stocks outperformed more defensive, low beta positions. There was little correlation across price-to-earnings valuations, though non-earners performed best. Stocks with no yield outperformed those that pay dividends. Stocks with high foreign sales outperformed those with foreign sales below 30%.

Within the benchmark, the best performing sectors were Health Care, Information Technology (IT), and Communication Services. Real Estate, Consumer Discretionary, and Utilities notably underperformed.

Portfolio Review

The Touchstone Mid Cap Value Fund (Class A Shares, Load Waived) outperformed its benchmark, the Russell Midcap Value Index, for the quarter ended December 31, 2025.

The Fund's portfolio outperformed on a relative basis in six of eleven sectors. IT, Industrials, Energy, and Real Estate were the strongest relative performers. Performance was weakest in Health Care and Utilities.

Returns in IT were driven by exceptional performance from Lumentum Holdings Inc. Strong demand for their optical solutions in the data center and telecom verticals led to increased guidance for 2025 and positive comments regarding 2026. EPAM Systems Inc. outperformed the sector. The software engineering firm reported solid results on the top and bottom line and raised guidance amidst a strong demand outlook. Keysight Technologies Inc. experienced strong demand for their design and testing solutions in the communications and defense markets, resulting in raised guidance and a strong outlook. Software company PTC Inc. lagged in the quarter on a change in CFO, fading takeover speculation, and guidance that fell only in line with expectations.

The Industrials sector outperformed led by Wesco International Inc. The industrial distributor benefited from their end market mix with high exposure to data center build outs. Hexcel Corp., an aerospace composites company, outperformed as industry build rates improve and the supply chain normalizes. AerCap Holdings N.V. continues to see strong demand for used aircraft given continued supply chain issues in commercial aerospace.

Energy outperformed in the quarter, led by SLB Limited. The large energy services company benefited from strong offshore and international demand with domestic onshore activity stabilizing after several quarters of declining activity.

The Financials sector modestly outperformed in the period. Ally Financial Inc. announced a large buyback and reaffirmed their mid-teen return on equity outlook at a financial conference during the quarter. Private credit company Blue Owl Capital Inc. is a large lender for AI data center builds and lagged the market as AI-related stocks began to cool off in the period.

Dollar Tree Inc. was the largest contributor within the Fund's Consumer Staples allocation. The discount retailer benefited from consumers trading down to their low-priced offerings, lower tariff costs, and their continued transition toward multiple price points after decades of selling all goods for $1. French fry maker Lamb Weston Holdings Inc. sold off late in the quarter due to a handful of issues in their international segment, including tepid demand, start-up costs for their Argentina plant, and underutilization in their European manufacturing.

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The Fund's Consumer Discretionary exposure was a modest detractor to performance. Valvoline Inc. lagged in the quarter, issuing guidance below expectations due to integration costs from their Breeze Autocare acquisition. Auto parts maker Gentex Corp. was another detractor. The auto mirror manufacturer declined amid weak auto sales in Europe and a lower mix of high-margin content.

Eagle Materials Inc. underperformed in the Materials sector. Weak demand for wallboard in single-family housing has investors fearing the return of historical pricing volatility. We believe that changes to the availability of gypsum feedstock should allow for more stable prices moving forward.

The Utilities allocation lagged in the quarter due to subpar selection and an overweight to the underperforming sector. DTE Energy Co. was the worst performer. The Michigan utility has experienced increased worries about affordability given recent rate increases for their customers, and they have also signed data center power agreements with Oracle, a player with a subpar balance sheet when compared to peers.

The Health Care sector was the largest detractor during the quarter. Inpatient rehab provider Encompass Health Corp. weighed on relative returns, impacted by the rotation to riskier biotech stocks while also reporting earnings that were below investor expectations. Agilent Technologies Inc. declined following our initial purchase. Earnings results were in line with expectations but an investor rotation out of life science tools and into pharma/biotech caused the relative shortfall.

As we enter the new year, we are notably underweight in the Real Estate and Communication Services sectors. These exposures are driven by the opportunity set we see in each sector. During the quarter we initiated positions in Agilent (Health Care sector) and Blue Owl Capital. (Financials sector). We exited our positions in Hologic Inc. (Health Care sector), F5 Inc. (IT sector), and Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc. (Real Estate sector).

Outlook and Conclusion

Opacity continues to reign supreme as we enter 2026. There are indications that the AI boom is cooling as investors pause and evaluate risk/reward following a strong run. Lower interest rates and legislative changes could broaden demand for other sectors and improve performance for areas that have lagged the AI boom. Any changes to Federal Reserve independence or the expected path of interest rates are likely to impact the markets' trajectory. Elevated inflation and subpar jobs growth continue to pose risks to outperformance. The midterm elections will be watched closely by investors for potential impacts on legislation and consumer confidence. The geopolitical situations in Ukraine and Venezuela are also flashpoints that could drive the market's performance in the coming year.

Amid these market dynamics, we continue to hold fast and invest according to our process. Fundamentally we are looking for quality stocks, trading at a discount, with good risk/reward. We look for companies with strong management teams, high barriers to entry, solid balance sheets, and we continue to rigorously examine downside scenarios for our positions.

We continue to find attractively valued investment opportunities with favorable risk/reward profiles. While we do not believe in making short-term projections, we believe these investments will outperform the market longer term.

Fund Facts

Class	Inception Date	Symbol	CUSIP	Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio Total	Net
A Shares	09/30/09	**TCVAX**	89155H413	1.43%	1.17%
C Shares	09/30/09	**TMFCX**	89155H397	3.05%	1.92%
Y Shares	09/30/09	**TCVYX**	89155H371	1.00%	0.94%
INST Shares	09/30/09	**TCVIX**	89155H389	0.93%	0.84%
Total Fund Assets	**$547.8 Million**				

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 1.15% for Class A Shares, 1.90% for Class C Shares, 0.92% for Class Y Shares and 0.82% for Class INST Shares. These expense limitations will remain in effect until at least 01/29/27.

Share class availability differs by firm.

Annualized Total Returns

	4Q25	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Excluding Max Sales Charge							
A Shares	3.14%	9.59%	9.59%	8.38%	8.06%	8.59%	10.06%
C Shares	2.95%	8.83%	8.83%	7.60%	7.26%	7.94%	9.65%
Y Shares	3.18%	9.84%	9.84%	8.63%	8.32%	8.85%	10.33%
INST Shares	3.22%	9.97%	9.97%	8.78%	8.45%	8.99%	10.48%
Benchmark	1.42%	11.05%	11.05%	12.27%	9.83%	9.78%	11.29%
Including Max Sales Charge							
A Shares	-2.01%	4.10%	4.10%	6.56%	6.96%	7.94%	9.66%
C Shares	1.96%	7.83%	7.83%	7.60%	7.26%	7.94%	9.65%

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® Value Index

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Top 10 Equity Holdings of Fund

		(% of Portfolio)
1	Keysight Technologies Inc.	2.9
2	Wesco International, Inc.	2.6
3	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	2.5
4	Regal Rexnord Corp.	2.4
5	Clean Harbors, Inc.	2.3
6	First Horizon Corp.	2.2
7	Microchip Technology, Inc.	2.2
8	Reinsurance Group of America Inc.	2.1
9	Akamai Technologies, Inc.	1.9
10	Evercore Inc.	1.9

Source: BNY Mellon Asset Servicing

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

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.

A Word About Risk

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 Fund invests in value stocks which may not appreciate in value as anticipated or may experience a decline in value. The Advisor engages a sub-advisor to make investment decisions for the Fund's portfolio; it may be unable to identify and retain a sub-advisor who achieves superior investment returns relative to other similar sub-advisors. 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. The Fund's investments in other investment companies will be subject to substantially the same risks as those associated with the direct ownership of the securities comprising the portfolios of such investment companies, and the value of the Fund's investment will fluctuate in response to the performance of such portfolios. In addition, if the Fund acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders of the Fund will bear their proportionate share of the fees and expenses of the Fund and, indirectly, the fees and expenses of the investment companies or ETFs. 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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