

## 1Q 2022 Update William Blair Mid Cap Value Fund

### OBJECTIVE

Capital Appreciation

### CHARACTERISTICS

The Mid Cap Value Fund seeks to identify mid cap companies priced at discounts to their intrinsic values and with fundamentals that are solid or improving.

### WHY CONSIDER THIS FUND?

- Employs a time-tested investment philosophy and process managed by an experienced, long-tenured portfolio management team committed to fundamental analysis
- Consistently applies a disciplined, rigorous investment process to uncover opportunities and reduce stock-specific and portfolio level risk
- Seeks to provide strong absolute and risk-adjusted performance

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE (AS OF 3/31/22)

	Qtr	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	Since Incep.
Class R6 (SI: 4/16/22)	--	--	--	--	--	2.60%
Russell Midcap <sup>®</sup> Value Index <sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	4.81%

**Performance cited represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. Returns shown assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Investment returns and principal will fluctuate with market and economic conditions and you may have a gain or loss when you sell shares. For the most current month-end performance information, please call +1 800 742 7272, or visit our Web site at [www.williamblairfunds.com](http://www.williamblairfunds.com). Class N shares are available to the general public without a sales load. Class I shares are available only to investors who meet certain eligibility requirements.**

### EXPENSE RATIOS

	Gross Expense	Net Expense
Class R6	1.00%	0.70%

Expenses shown are as of the most recent prospectus. The Fund's Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to limit fund operating expenses until 4/30/24.

### FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

Total Net Assets (\$MM)	\$2
Number of Holdings	54
Wgt'd Avg Mkt Cap (\$BB)	\$14.9
Unwgt'd Median Mkt Cap (\$BB)	\$11.2
P/E Ratio (Next 12 Months)	11.9
EPS Growth (Long-Term Projected)	13.1%
Trailing 1-Year Turnover	0.0%
Cash <sup>2</sup>	1.2%

TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)<sup>4,5</sup>

Company	Industry	% of Fund	% of Index <sup>3</sup>
Regal Rexnord Corp.	Electrical Equipment	2.7	0.2
Westlake Corp.	Chemicals	2.4	0.0
Acuity Brands, Inc.	Electrical Equipment	2.3	0.1
Huntsman Corp.	Chemicals	2.3	0.1
Centene Corp.	Health Care Providers & Services	2.3	0.1
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.2	0.2
SLM Corp.	Consumer Finance	2.2	0.1
AGCO Corp.	Machinery	2.2	0.3
Duke Realty Corp.	Equity Real Estate Investment	2.2	0.1
AmerisourceBergen Corp.	Health Care Providers & Services	2.1	0.0
<b>Total Top 10</b>		<b>22.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION<sup>4,5</sup>

Sector Type	Fund	Index <sup>3</sup>
Information Technology	14.8%	9.5%
Industrials	17.9%	14.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.3%	9.3%
Health Care	13.0%	7.8%
Energy	2.2%	7.3%
Materials	8.2%	8.1%
Financials	17.1%	16.4%
Consumer Staples	5.0%	4.7%
Communication Services	1.7%	3.5%
Utilities	2.0%	7.8%
Real Estate	7.8%	11.5%

MARKET CAP DIVERSIFICATION<sup>4,5</sup>

Market Cap	Fund	Index <sup>3</sup>
> \$30.0B	8.0%	30.0%
\$20.0B - \$30.0B	17.5%	23.0%
\$10.0B - \$20.0B	36.2%	27.0%
\$5.0B - \$10.0B	29.4%	16.9%
<\$5.0B	8.9%	3.1%

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



**William Heaphy, CFA**  
Started in Industry: 1994  
Education: B.S., Lehigh University;  
J.D., University of Maryland School of Law



**Matthew Fleming, CFA**  
Started in Industry: 1996  
Education: B.A., Princeton University

**1Weighted Average Market Capitalization:** The Weighted Average Market Capitalization for a portfolio is calculated as the average market capitalization of the stocks within the portfolio, weighted by the amount of each stock owned. **Unweighted Median Market Capitalization:** This calculation represents the median market capitalization of the stocks in the portfolio, regardless of the amount of each stock owned. **P/E (Price/Earnings) Ratio:** A stock with a higher P/E ratio would be considered more expensive relative to another stock with a lower P/E. An investor may pay a higher P/E for a stock for several reasons including, but not limited to, an expectation that the company possesses higher returns on invested capital, less economic sensitivity, higher consistency of earnings and/or higher earnings growth potential. **EPS Growth (Long-Term Projected):** This measure represents the weighted average of forecasted growth in earnings expected to be experienced by stocks within the portfolio over the next 3-5 years. This projected earnings growth should not be considered an indication of future fund performance. **Trailing 1-Year Turnover:** This figure reflects the portfolio's trading activity by calculating the amount of the portfolio's holdings bought or sold over the prior year, expressed as a percentage of the portfolio's average market value. Turnover figures may be related to the amount of trading costs experienced by the portfolio. **Standard Deviation:** A higher standard deviation represents a greater dispersion of returns, and thus, a greater amount of risk. Standard deviation returns shown are annualized and calculated using monthly returns. Funds without a 10-year history are reported against the Fund's inception date. If the Fund's inception date does not fall on the first day of a given month, the annualized standard deviation is calculated based on the first day of the month following the Fund's inception date.

<sup>2</sup>Cash represents cash and any short-term or overnight investments held by the Fund.

<sup>3</sup>The Russell Midcap Value Index is the Fund's primary benchmark and includes those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. It is not possible to directly invest in an unmanaged index.

<sup>4</sup>Top ten holdings are shown as % of total net assets. Sector and market cap diversification exclude cash equivalents.

<sup>5</sup>Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advice. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in any one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.

**Risks:** The Fund's returns will vary, and you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund holds equities which may decline in value due to both real and perceived general market, economic, and industry conditions. Investments in mid-cap companies involve greater risk than those in larger, more established companies, including higher volatility and lower liquidity. Individual securities may not perform as expected or a strategy used by the Adviser may fail to produce its intended result. Diversification does not ensure against loss.

**Please carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. This and other information is contained in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which you may obtain by calling +1 800 742 7272. Read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing. Investing includes the risk of loss.**

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