

Parnassus Mid Cap Fund

Third Quarter 2018

Strategy

The Parnassus Mid Cap Fund invests with low turnover and high conviction in approximately 40 holdings. The Fund seeks to invest in companies with:

- Wide moats or strong competitive advantages that protect market share and profitability
- Relevancy over the long term, which provides a compounding growth component
- Quality management teams that will act in the best interest of shareholders
- Favorable three-year investment horizon

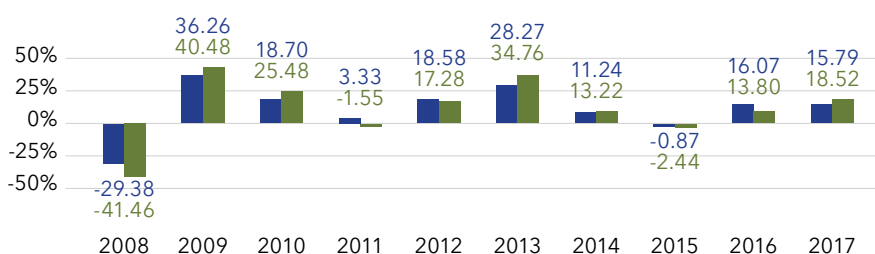
The Fund strives to outperform the Russell Midcap Index over the long run on a risk-adjusted basis with a high active share. The Fund attempts to shield investors from losses during bear markets, while offering significant upside participation during bull markets.

Total Returns (%)¹

As of 09/30/2018	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Incept. 04/29/05
PARMX	3.53	5.11	9.40	14.06	10.92	11.94	9.55
Russell Midcap Index	5.00	7.46	13.98	14.52	11.65	12.31	10.12

Annual Returns (%)

● PARMX ● Russell Midcap Index



¹All returns greater than one year are annualized.

²Percent based on total net assets as of date indicated.

Risks: The Fund's share price may change daily based on the value of its security holdings. Stock markets can be volatile, and stock values fluctuate in response to the asset levels of individual companies and in response to general U.S. and international market and economic conditions. The Fund invests in the stocks of small and mid-cap companies, which are generally riskier than larger companies, and the Fund's share price may be more volatile than funds that invest in larger companies. Security holdings in the fund can vary significantly from broad market indexes.

Performance data quoted represent past performance and are no guarantee of future returns. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted, and most recent month end performance is available on the Parnassus website (www.parnassus.com). Investment return and principal will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original principal cost. The Russell Midcap Index is a widely recognized index of common stock prices. An individual cannot invest directly in an index. An index reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes. Returns shown for the fund do not reflect the declaration of taxes a shareholder would pay on the fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

The Parnassus Funds are underwritten and distributed by Parnassus Funds Distributor, a subsidiary of Parnassus Investments and a FINRA member.

Before investing, an investor should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the fund and should carefully read the prospectus or summary prospectus, which contain this information. A prospectus or summary prospectus can be obtained on the website, www.parnassus.com, or by calling (800) 999-3505.

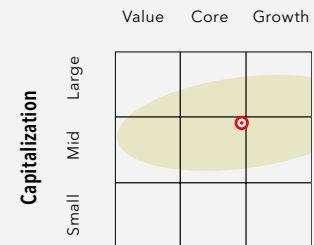
Investor Shares

PARMX

Morningstar Ratings™



Investment Style



Ten Largest Holdings²

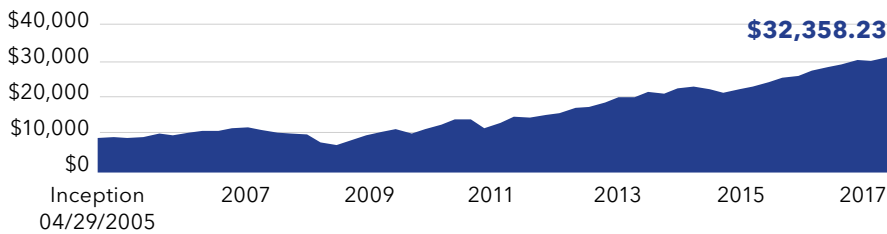
Motorola Solutions Inc.	4.2%
Hologic Inc.	4.0%
Teleflex Inc.	4.0%
Fiserv Inc.	3.8%
First Horizon National Corp.	3.7%
Xylem Inc.	3.7%
Verisk Analytics Inc.	3.5%
The Clorox Company	3.2%
Iron Mountain Inc.	3.2%
Hanesbrands Inc.	3.1%
Total	36.4%

Sector Weighting²

● PARMX ● Russell Midcap Index

Communication Services	4%	3%
Consumer Discretionary	8%	12%
Consumer Staples	8%	4%
Energy	3%	5%
Utilities	6%	6%
Financials	12%	14%
Health Care	9%	10%
Industrials	16%	14%
Materials	8%	5%
Information Technology	16%	19%
Real Estate	5%	8%
Short Term Investments	5%	0%

PARMX – Annual Growth of \$10,000 as of Dec 31, 2017³



Parnassus Overview

At Parnassus Investments, we invest responsibly to build wealth for our clients. We select businesses that we believe have increasingly relevant products or services, sustainable competitive advantages and quality management teams for our high conviction portfolios. Every investment we make must meet rigorous fundamental and environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

Meet the Portfolio Managers



Matthew D. Gershuny
Portfolio Manager,
Director of Research
2008–Present

- 21 years in the industry
- With firm since 2006
- MBA, University of Michigan 2006
- BA, Philosophy, Cornell University 1995



Lori A. Keith
Portfolio Manager
2008–Present

- 24 years in the industry
- With firm since 2005
- MBA, Harvard Business School 2000
- BA, Economics, University of California, Los Angeles 1991

Fund Facts	Investor Shares	Institutional Shares
Ticker	PARMX	PFPMX
Minimum Investment	\$2,000	\$100,000
Gross Expense Ratio	1.01%	0.75%
Net Expense Ratio ⁴	0.99%	0.75%
Inception Date	04/29/2005	04/30/2015

Distribution Frequency	Annually
Total Net Assets	\$3,050.1 M

Fund Characteristics	Fund	Russell Midcap Index
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$19.1 B	\$15.7 B
P/E Ratio	32.5x	19.8x
P/B Ratio	3.8x	2.7x
Active Share	94.8%	–
Number of Holdings	39	790
Portfolio Turnover (2017 Annual)	33.3%	–

PARMX Statistics (5Yr)	Investor Shares	Russell Midcap Index
Alpha	1.68%	–
Beta	0.79	1.00
R-Squared	0.84	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.24	1.14
Standard Deviation	8.50%	9.89%

³The chart shows the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment since inception and does not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

⁴Expenses based on total net assets, net of reimbursement. As described in the Fund's current prospectus dated May 1, 2018, Parnassus Investments has contractually agreed to limit total operating expenses to 0.99% of net assets for the Parnassus Mid Cap Fund—Investor Shares and to 0.85% of net assets for the Parnassus Mid Cap Fund—Institutional Shares. This agreement will not be terminated prior to May 1, 2019, and may be continued indefinitely by the Adviser on a year-to-year basis. The net expense ratio is what investors pay.

Data as of 09/30/2018, unless otherwise noted.

Average Weighted Market Cap is the average capitalization of all stocks in the portfolio, weighted by each holding's size in the portfolio. **Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio** is a ratio of a stock's current price to its per-share earnings over the past 12 months. **Price/Book (P/B) Ratio** is the ratio of a stock's latest closing price divided by its book value per share. **Alpha** is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. **Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. A beta over 1.00 suggests that the share price will typically be more volatile than the market. **R-Squared** is a measurement of how closely the portfolio's performance correlates with the performance of a benchmark index such as the Russell Midcap Index. **Standard Deviation** is a calculation used to measure the variability (risk) of a portfolio's performance. **Sharpe Ratio** is a ratio used to measure risk-adjusted performance. It is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns. **Active Share** measures the percentage amount your portfolio differs from a passive benchmark.

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