

# Optimum Small-Mid Cap Value Fund

Institutional Class: OISVX Class A: OASVX Class C: OCSVX

March 31, 2021



- The objective of Optimum Small-Mid Cap Value Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital.
- LSV uses a quantitative investment model to make investment decisions by ranking securities based on fundamental measures of value and indicators of near-term appreciation potential.
- Cardinal employs a cash-flow-oriented investment process. Cardinal looks for companies with significant free cash flow, stable and predictable business models, and competent management.

## Average annual total returns (%)

as of March 31, 2021

	1Q21 <sup>1</sup>	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	EXPENSE RATIO (%)	
						GROSS	NET <sup>2</sup>
Institutional Class	18.07	86.63	8.53	10.00	7.14	1.27	1.25
Class A (at NAV)	18.02	86.21	8.28	9.74	6.85	1.52	1.50
Class A (at Offer) <sup>3</sup>	11.25	75.50	6.17	8.45	6.21		
Class C (at NAV)	17.79	84.75	7.47	8.91	6.08	2.27	2.25
Class C (at Offer) <sup>4</sup>	16.79	83.75	7.47	8.91	6.08		
Russell 2500™ Value Index	16.83	87.47	10.88	12.15	10.23		
Morningstar Small Value Category	21.49	100.66	9.93	11.66	9.18		

## Calendar year total returns (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund (Institutional Class)	18.43	9.75	-16.39	24.58	1.42
Russell 2500™ Value Index	25.20	10.36	-12.36	23.56	4.88
Morningstar Small Value Category	25.99	8.54	-15.46	21.43	4.02

1. Returns for less than one year are not annualized. 2. Net expense ratio reflects contractual waivers of certain fees and/or expense reimbursements from July 29, 2020 through July 29, 2021. Please see the fee waiver in the Fund's prospectus for more information. 3. Class A shares includes maximum 5.75% up-front sales charge and are subject to an annual distribution fee. 4. Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC).

**The performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data for all share classes current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800 914-0278 or visiting optimummutualfunds.com**

Total returns may reflect waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the manager and/or distributor for some or all of the periods shown. Performance would have been lower without such waivers and reimbursements.

Performance at NAV assumes that no front-end or contingent deferred sales charge applied or the investment was not redeemed. Performance at offer assumes that a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge applied to the extent applicable.

All performance and Fund data from Delaware Management Company, LPL Financial Research and other sources believed to be reliable.

## Overall Morningstar Ratings™



Institutional Class shares



Class A shares

As of March 31, 2021, Optimum Small-Mid Cap Value Fund rated against the following numbers of Small Value Funds over the following time periods: 402 funds in the last three years 372 funds in the last five years; 269 funds in the last 10 years. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The calculation is based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance.

## Portfolio managers (start date on Fund)

### Investment manager:

Delaware Management Company

### Sub-advised by:

#### LSV Asset Management

Josef Lakonishok, Ph.D.	January 2016
Menno Vermeulen, CFA	January 2016
Puneet Mansharamani, CFA	January 2016
Greg Sleight	January 2016
Guy Lakonishok, CFA	January 2016

### Sub-advised by:

#### Cardinal Capital Management, L.L.C

Eugene Fox, III	October 2020
Robert B. Kirkpatrick, CFA	October 2020
Rachel D. Matthews	October 2020
Robert H. Fields	October 2020

## Portfolio characteristics

Inception date (all share classes)	8/1/03
Total assets	\$716.7 million
Number of holdings	251
Market cap (median) <sup>5</sup>	\$3.6 billion
Market cap (weighted average) <sup>5</sup>	\$6.2 billion
Portfolio turnover (last fiscal year)	33
P/E ratio (weighted average FY2) <sup>5,6</sup>	12.77x
Annualized standard deviation, 3 years <sup>7</sup>	26.42

5. Source FactSet. 6. P/E ratio is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its earnings per share. In this case, P/E is calculated using consensus forecasted earnings per share for the fiscal year following next. 7. Annualized standard deviation measures historical volatility of returns.

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## Top 10 sectors<sup>8,9</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark
Financial services	19.2	20.9
Technology	15.7	9.5
REITs	11.9	10.7
Basic industry	11.4	9.0
Consumer services	10.3	13.0
Capital spending	7.8	8.6
Healthcare	4.8	6.2
Consumer cyclical	4.7	5.5
Consumer staples	4.6	3.0
Transportation	2.7	2.7

## Top 10 holdings<sup>9</sup>

2 Global Inc.	2.7%
PacWest Bancorp	2.5%
Silgan Holdings Inc.	2.3%
Nexstar Media Group Inc. Class A	2.1%
FMC Corp.	2.0%
Silicon Motion Technology Corp. ADR	1.9%
Medical Properties Trust Inc.	1.9%
Starwood Property Trust Inc.	1.7%
Lithia Motors Inc. Class A	1.7%
Gaming and Leisure Properties Inc.	1.7%
<b>Total for top 10 holdings</b>	<b>20.5%</b>

## Significant Fund Event

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has approved the appointment of Cardinal Capital Management, L.L.C. (Cardinal) as a sub-advisor to Optimum Small-Mid Cap Value Fund. It is currently anticipated that Cardinal will replace Westwood Management Corp. as a sub-advisor to this Fund in mid-October 2020. The new sub-advisor intends to reposition its portion of the Fund's investment portfolio in accordance with its current investment process and this repositioning may generate additional capital gains for the Fund. Estimated capital gains information for Optimum Small-Mid Cap Value Fund will be revised after the transition to Cardinal is completed. Please read the latest prospectus and any supplements for more information concerning this event.

8. Source: FactSet.

9. List may exclude cash, cash equivalents, and ETFs that are used for cash management purposes. Please see the Fund's complete list of holdings on our web site for more information.

**Carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, charges, and expenses before investing. This and other information can be found in the Fund's prospectus, which may be obtained by visiting [optimummutualfunds.com/literature](http://optimummutualfunds.com/literature) or calling 800 914-0278. Investors should read the prospectus and, if available, the summary prospectus carefully before investing.**

**Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal.**

Investments in small and/or medium-sized companies typically exhibit greater risk and higher volatility than larger, more established companies. • The disruptions caused by natural disasters, pandemics, or similar events could prevent the Fund from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and could negatively impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and the value of the Fund's investments.

Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indices are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. The **Russell 2500 Value Index** measures the performance of the small- to mid-cap value segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The **Morningstar Small Value Category** compares funds that invest in small US companies with valuations and growth rates below other small-cap peers. Small-cap stocks are those in the bottom 10% of the capitalization of the US equity market, and value is defined based on low valuations (low price ratios and high dividend yields) and slow growth (low growth rates for earnings, sales, book value, and cash flow).

**Institutional Class shares rated 3, 3, and 2 stars and Class A shares rated 3, 3, and 2 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods ended 3/31/21 among 402; 372; and 269 Small Value funds, respectively. There are 402 funds in the overall category.**

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