

# Parnassus Mid Cap Fund

Second Quarter 2021

## 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

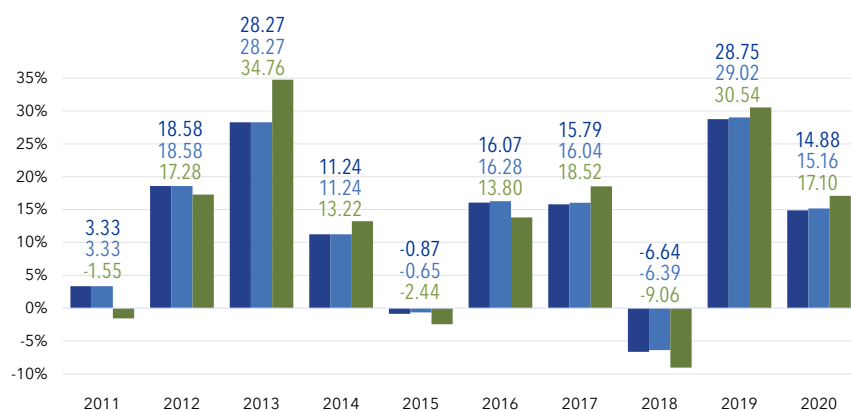
The Fund strives to outperform the Russell Midcap Index over the long run on a risk-adjusted basis with a high active share. The Fund attempts to mitigate risk from losses during bear markets, while offering the potential for significant upside participation during bull markets.

## Total Returns (%)<sup>1</sup>

As of 6/30/2021	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
PARMX	5.87	9.22	36.92	14.10	13.32	12.23
PFPMTX	5.93	9.32	37.20	14.36	13.57	12.39
Russell Midcap Index	7.50	16.25	49.80	16.45	15.62	13.24

## Annual Returns (%)

● PARMX ● PFPMTX ● Russell Midcap Index



<sup>1</sup>All returns greater than one year are annualized.

<sup>2</sup>Expenses based on total net assets, net of reimbursement. As described in the Fund's current prospectus dated May 1, 2021, Parnassus Investments has contractually agreed to limit total operating expenses to 0.98% of net assets for the Parnassus Mid Cap Fund – Investor Shares and to 0.75% of net assets for the Parnassus Mid Cap Fund – Institutional Shares. This agreement will not be terminated prior to May 1, 2022, and may be continued indefinitely by the investment adviser on a year-to-year basis. The net expense ratio is what investors pay.

Environmental, Social, And Governance Guidelines: The Fund evaluates financially material ESG factors as part of the investment decision-making process, considering a range of impacts they may have on future revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities and overall risk. The Fund also utilizes active ownership to encourage more sustainable business policies and practices and greater ESG transparency. Active ownership strategies include proxy voting, dialogue with company management and sponsorship of shareholder resolutions, and public policy advocacy. There is no guarantee that the ESG strategy will be successful.

**The Morningstar Rating is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance.** As of 6/30/21, the Parnassus Mid Cap Fund was rated against the following numbers of Mid-Cap Blend Funds over the following time periods: 357 funds in the last three years, 290 funds in the last five years and 202 funds in the last 10 years. With respect to these Mid-Cap Blend funds, the Parnassus Mid Cap Fund – Investor Share class received a Morningstar Rating of 4, 4 and 4 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. The Parnassus Mid Cap Fund – Institutional Share Class received a Morningstar rating of 4, 4 and 5 stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively.

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 and quarter-end performance is available on the Parnassus website, [www.parnassus.com](http://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.

Fund Facts	Investor Shares	Institutional Shares
Ticker	PARMX	PFPMTX
Minimum Investment	\$2,000	\$100,000
Gross Expense Ratio	0.98%	0.76%
Net Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.98%	0.75%
Inception Date	4/29/05	4/30/15
Distribution Frequency	Annually	
Total Net Assets	\$8.0 B	
Category	Mid Cap Blend	
Benchmark	Russell Midcap Index	

Fund Characteristics	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$23.9 B	\$23.1 B
P/E Ratio	33.3x	23.9x
P/B Ratio	5.0x	3.4x
Active Share	92.9%	–
Number of Holdings	44	828
Portfolio Turnover (2020 Annual)	41.0%	–

## Morningstar Ratings™

PARMX Overall Star Rating™\*\* ★★★★★

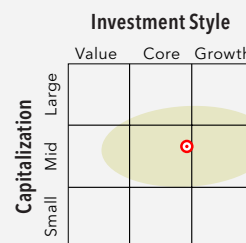
PFPMTX Overall Star Rating™\*\* ★★★★★

Analyst Rating™ Silver

Sustainability Rating™\*\*

\*Overall rating based on risk-adjusted returns out of 357 Mid-Cap Blend funds as of 6/30/21. \*\*Sustainability Rating as of 6/30/21 out of 1,494 US Equity Mid Cap funds.

## Ownership Zone



Fund Statistics (5Y)	Investor Shares	Institutional Shares	Index
Alpha	1.08%	1.18%	–
Beta	0.82	0.82	1.00
R-Squared	0.90	0.90	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.61	0.62	0.57
Standard Deviation	14.94%	14.94%	17.34%
Upside Capture	79.96%	80.52%	100%
Downside Capture	79.25%	78.69%	100%

### Ten Largest Holdings<sup>3</sup>

Republic Services	4.2%
Hologic Inc.	3.4%
Trimble Inc.	3.1%
Jack Henry & Assoc.	3.0%
Cerner Corp.	2.9%
Burlington Stores	2.8%
Roper Technologies Inc.	2.8%
O'Reilly Automotive	2.8%
Teleflex Inc.	2.8%
Pentair plc	2.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.6%</b>

## Meet the Portfolio Managers



**Matthew D. Gershuny**  
Deputy Chief Investment  
Officer, Portfolio Manager  
*2008–Present*

- 24 years in the industry
- With firm since 2006



**Lori A. Keith**  
Director of Research,  
Portfolio Manager  
*2008–Present*

- 27 years in the industry
- With firm since 2005

## 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.

Sector Weighting <sup>3</sup>	Fund	Index
Information Technology	22%	19%
Industrials	17%	15%
Health Care	16%	12%
Consumer Discretionary	11%	13%
Financials	9%	12%
Real Estate	8%	7%
Consumer Staples	5%	3%
Communication Services	3%	5%
Utilities	3%	4%
Materials	3%	6%
Energy	0%	4%
Short-Term Investments	3%	0%

<sup>3</sup>Percent based on total net assets as of 6/30/21.

**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. **Upside Capture**: A measure of managers' performance in up markets relative to the market itself. An up market is one in which the market's monthly return is greater than or equal to zero. The higher the manager's up-market capture ratio, the better the manager capitalized on a rising market. **Downside Capture**: A measure of managers' performance in down markets relative to the market itself. A down market is one in which the market's monthly return is less than zero. The lower the manager's down-market capture ratio, the better the manager protected capital during a market decline.

**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. 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.

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