# **Panther Value Fund**

### **Objective & Benchmark**

The Panther Value Fund's objective is to outperform the Russell 2000 Value Index through superior selection of stocks with attractive factor characteristics and through sector-allocation.

## Investment Philosophy

We believe investing in small-cap, discounted companies with predictable revenue sources and superior profitability will produce a portfolio that generates significant alpha and nominal risk.

Our primary focus is quality and/or profitability with a consideration to valuation metrics relative to the target's industry. Our secondary focus is positioning the portfolio in sub-sector's poised to expand.

#### **Investment Process**

## Industry relative screening process:

- 1. Above average profitability & expanding metrics
- 2. Valuation analysis relative to industry and company specific drivers

## Security analysis:

- 1. Improving or strong business drivers. Favorable climate and trends
- 2. Sustainable profitability
- 3. Justifiable valuation compared to peers

## **Portfolio Construction:**

1. Security weighting based on conviction and upside opportunity

## Security Selection - Buy & Sell Process

## Buy:

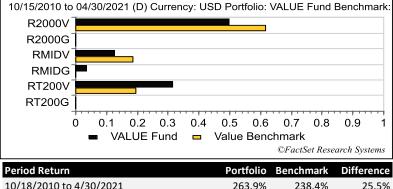
Stock must receive 4/5 votes to initiate allocation considerations Sell:

Stock reaches 95-100% of intrinsic value OR a new opportunity is discovered Review:

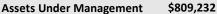
Stock receives negative/positive surprise

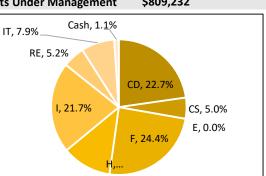
Max Stock Weighting	8% Max OW/UW Sectors	+/- 8%
# Positions	<30 Max Cash	2%

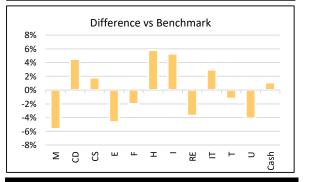
Asset Allocation Chart



10/18/2010 to 4/30/2021	263.9%	238.4%	25.5%
One Year	75.3%	79.0%	-3.7%
Six Months	52.3%	59.2%	-6.9%
Year to Date	23.5%	23.6%	-0.1%
One Quarter	16.6%	17.4%	-0.8%
One Month	1.4%	2.0%	-0.6%
One Week	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%







		value
Factor	Portfolio	Benchmark
Mkt Cap (Wgt Med, MM)	\$514.3	\$2,704.7
Dividend Yield	1.45%	1.42%
P/E	18.7x	82.7x
P/CF	11.4x	52.1x
P/B (Wgt Harm)	1.6x	1.7x
P/S (Wgt Harm)	1.1x	1.1x
Hist 3 yr. Sales Growth	5.5%	7.4%
Hist 3 yr. EPS Growth	12.8%	7.1%
Est. 3-5 yr. EPS Growth	14.3%	13.7%
Net Margin	9.3%	2.3%
ROE	11.7%	-1.1%
ROA	2.7%	-0.3%
LT D/Capital	27.6%	39.6%

Top 10 Holdings	Port. Wgt	Bench. Wgt
Tivity Health, Inc.	6.75%	0.04%
US Xpress Enterprises, Inc. Class A	6.71%	0.02%
Patrick Industries, Inc.	6.64%	0.01%
MarineMax, Inc.	6.35%	0.08%
First Choice Bancorp	6.34%	0.02%
Home Bancorp, Inc.	6.27%	0.02%
ePlus inc.	5.44%	0.02%
Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.	5.25%	0.19%
UFP Technologies, Inc.	5.06%	0.02%
B&G Foods, Inc.	5.03%	0.02%
Total	59.85%	0.43%

	Since Transition		
Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark	
Tracking Error	12.9	N/A	
Beta	0.83	1.00	
Active Share	99%	0.0%	

## 4/30/2021

## Performance

While the value index is up 75.3% in the last year, the Panther Value Fund underperformed the benchmark by 3.7% and is up 79.0%% over the last year. This underperformance occurred in late Q4 of 2020 due to a sharp appreciation in deep value securities across the market.

## Positions

Our top 10 positions make up 59.9% of the fund. Our largest active sector position is in healthcare (5.0% overweight). We overweight healthcare, industrials, and discretionary as the securities we hold in these sectors possess our highest upside potential.

## Style

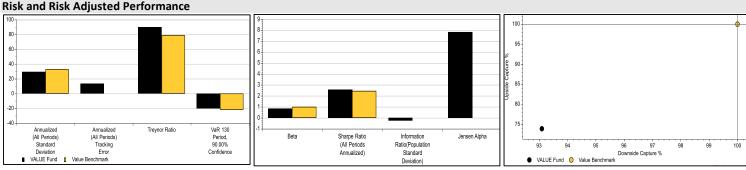
The fund favors smaller cap stocks with strong profitability and growth factors and possess a reasonable valuation with long-term sustainable business models.

## **Attribution and Contribution**

Date	Allocation	Selection	Interaction	Total
Since Inception	-41.0%	28.1%	38.4%	25.5%
Since Transition	10.3%	-14.5%	0.5%	-3.7%
Six Months	3.6%	-6.5%	-4.0%	-6.9%
Year to Date	1.4%	-3.7%	2.2%	-0.1%
One Quarter	-1.5%	-2.0%	2.7%	-0.8%
One Month	0.2%	-0.9%	0.0%	-0.6%

Over the last year, sector allocation has added the most to relative performance. Since transition, the fund has underperformed by 3.7% due to stock allocation, while sector allocation has improved relative performance by 10.3% %. Two stock specific decisions contributed to a majority of our security selection performance.

	Since Transition			
		Avg Wgt	Return	Contrib
	Total			75.3%
	5 Highest	31.7%	157.1%	41.1%
	Tivity Health, Inc.	7.3%	169.6%	10.0%
	Hooker Furniture Corporation	6.0%	156.4%	8.2%
	MarineMax, Inc.	4.6%	294.2%	8.1%
	Patrick Industries, Inc.	6.4%	121.0%	7.7%
	Johnson Outdoors Inc. Class A	7.3%	109.0%	7.2%
	5 Lowest	5.4%	-30.9%	-4.2%
	Diamondback Energy, Inc.	2.5%	-39.3%	-3.0%
'	iShares U.S. Energy ETF	0.3%	-5.5%	-0.5%
'	iShares Russell 2000 ETF	0.3%	-5.9%	-0.5%
	Cognyte Software Ltd.	0.7%	-6.7%	-0.1%
	PDC Energy, Inc.	1.6%	-4.6%	-0.1%



Since transition, the portfolio has had slightly less risk than the benchmark, but our risk-adjusted ratios are much better than the benchmark. Additionally, we capture roughly 93% of the downside compared to the benchmark.

## **Portfolio Strategy and Evolution**

Since our last meeting, we have opened three new positions, exited three positions, and adjusted sector and stock weightings.

New Buys: Perodeceo Education Corporation (PRDO), Home Bancorp, Inc. (HBCP), International Seaways, Inc. (INSW) We believe these holdings will better position the portfolio to benefit from a change in factor impacts and individual company performance relative to their industry benchmarks. PRDO is a premier education providor that operates on an online and in-person basis. PRDO has seen substantial growth through the shift of education mediums and is becoming a leader in online education for post university education. HBCP has maintained above average organic loan growth over the last ten-years which has grown at over 9.0% on an annualized basis. The bank's ability to grow organically positions it exceptionally above its industry peers as other banks must overpay for loan growth. INSW is a leading oil transportation company and will benefit greatly from a gradual uptick in energy consumption on a global basis.

Sell Decisions: Renewable Energy Group, Inc. (REGI, Energy), Territorial Bancorp Inc. (TBNK, Financials), & Verint Systems Inc. (VRNT, Tech) Required sell decision based on investment philosophy, except VRNT. REGI & TBNK fell substantially more than their respective benchmarks (clean energy for REGI and regional banking for TBNK). VRNT's sell decision was a result of the company divesting from their security software segment. We maintained the distributed shares of the spin-off known as Cognyte Software Ltd. (CGNT).

## **Potential Changes After Transition**

Sell/Trim: MarineMax, Inc. (HZO), US Xpress Enterprises, Inc. (USX), & First Choice Bancorp/Enterprise Financial Services (FCBP) These positions could be due for exit/trim based on new philosophy and direction of the fund.