

# TOWLE DEEP VALUE FUND

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## INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Towle Deep Value Fund **executes a fundamental, investment discipline that emphasizes the purchase of companies believed to be substantially undervalued** relative to their private market worth and normalized earnings power. Our bottom-up selection process strives to identify and invest in out-of-favor companies possessing significant appreciation potential.

**Essential to this endeavor is a contrarian and independent viewpoint.** No attempt is made to manage the portfolio against the composition of a benchmark. While our deep value approach may include large capitalization stocks, the search for absolute value usually leads to equities with market capitalizations under \$5.0 billion.

The fund looks for well-seasoned companies with strong market positions, identifiable catalysts for earnings improvement, and committed, experienced management teams. Investments are focused on industries such as financial services, manufacturing, distribution, consumer products, transportation, and energy, among others.

The Towle Deep Value Fund is a 'non-diversified' fund which seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Towle & Co.  
Formed in 1981  
www.towleco.com

## INVESTMENT TEAM

Christopher D. Towle (President, CEO & PM)  
Peter J. Lewis, CFA (Portfolio Manager)  
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## PERFORMANCE

|                              | Annualized |        |        |        |         |                 |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
|                              | Q4         | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Since Inception |
| <b>Towle Deep Value Fund</b> | 17.65%     | 19.02% | 13.66% | 13.70% | 7.04%   | 10.48%          |
| <b>Russell 2000 Value</b>    | 15.26      | 14.65  | 7.94   | 10.00  | 6.76    | 9.49            |
| <b>S&amp;P 500</b>           | 11.69      | 26.29  | 10.00  | 15.69  | 12.03   | 13.57           |

*The performance data quoted here represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month end please call 1-888-99TOWLE (1-888-998-6953). The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index (weighted by the market value of the companies) of 500 stocks listed on various exchanges.*

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## ALIGNED INTEREST

The owners of Towle & Co., their families, and the employees of the firm maintain a significant investment in portfolios combined with or similar to client portfolios, including the Towle Deep Value Fund.

## FUND INFORMATION

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Inception Date:</b>      | 10/31/2011   |
| <b>Ticker:</b>              | TDVFX  |
| <b>CUSIP:</b>               | 461418360  |
| <b>Gross Expense Ratio:</b> | 1.10%  |
| <b>Account Min:</b>         | \$5,000  |
| <b>IRA Account Min:</b>     | \$2,500  |
| <b>Assets:</b>              | \$121.2 Million                                      |
| <b>Redemption Fee:</b>      | 2.00% on shares redeemed within 90 days of purchase. |

## DISTRIBUTION

The Towle Deep Value Fund is a "no-load" fund with no sales charges and no 12b-1 fees. The fund is available for purchase with a transaction fee through Charles Schwab, Fidelity, Pershing, TD Ameritrade and Vanguard, among others.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Weighted Avg Market Cap              | \$10,256M |
| Median Market Cap                    | \$4,060M  |
| Median Price/Earnings <sup>1,2</sup> | 8.25x     |
| Median EV/EBITDA <sup>1,2,3</sup>    | 5.42x     |
| Median Price/Book                    | 1.06x     |
| Median Price/Sales <sup>2</sup>      | 0.33x     |
| Median Debt/Equity                   | 0.74x     |
| Active Share <sup>4</sup>            | 98%       |
| Turnover (Fiscal YTD)                | 57%       |
| Number of Holdings                   | 37        |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes companies with negative earnings.

<sup>2</sup> Ratio calculated using trailing 12-month earnings or sales figures.

<sup>3</sup> EV/EBITDA = Enterprise Value / Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization.

<sup>4</sup> Active Share = The percentage of Fund holdings that differ from the benchmark.

## COMPOSITION

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Equities           | 97.1% |
| Cash & Equivalents | 2.9   |

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## INVESTOR SUITABILITY

**In general terms, the Fund may be appropriate for:**

**Risk Tolerant Investors** - The Fund invests predominantly in smaller publicly-traded companies with market capitalizations under \$5 billion. The share prices of smaller companies can vary significantly from day-to-day due to lower trading volume, earnings volatility, unanticipated economic reports, and modest research coverage. Investors must be prepared for such unpredictability and be willing to withstand fluctuations in the value of their investment.

**Long-Term Investors** - The Fund is intended for investors possessing a minimum investment horizon of three years and preferably longer. It is not designed to provide investors a way to speculate on short-term movements in the stock market.

**Diversified Investors** - The Fund does not provide broad sector exposure nor does it emulate the composition of a particular benchmark. Investors should maintain diversified holdings of securities and not consider this Fund their sole source of equity exposure.

**Socially Responsible Investors** - The Fund does not invest in tobacco, liquor, or gaming companies and may be appropriate for investors who wish to avoid these industries with their investment capital.

## TOP 20 EQUITY HOLDINGS

|      |                                     |       |
|------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| MHO  | M/I Homes, Inc.                     | 4.75% |
| PVH  | PVH Corp.                           | 4.47  |
| AMR  | Alpha Metallurgical Resources, Inc. | 4.23  |
| GIII | G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.           | 4.18  |
| X    | U.S. Steel                          | 3.81  |
| ASTL | Algoma Steel Inc.                   | 3.60  |
| STLA | Stellantis N.V.                     | 3.56  |
| PARR | Par Pacific Holdings, Inc.          | 3.54  |
| JELD | JELD-WEN Holding, Inc.              | 3.46  |
| FL   | Foot Locker, Inc.                   | 3.28  |
| CLF  | Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.               | 3.23  |
| PBF  | PBF Energy Inc.                     | 3.09  |
| AXL  | American Axle & Manufacturing       | 2.77  |
| DINO | HF Sinclair Corporation             | 2.73  |
| GT   | Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.          | 2.70  |
| LBRT | Liberty Energy Inc.                 | 2.59  |
| LUV  | Southwest Airlines                  | 2.53  |
| AAP  | Advance Auto Parts                  | 2.51  |
| AVT  | Avnet, Inc.                         | 2.50  |
| ALLY | Ally Financial Inc.                 | 2.48  |

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Consumer, Cyclical     | 45.9% |
| Energy                 | 20.2  |
| Basic Materials        | 14.8  |
| Industrial             | 10.3  |
| Consumer, Non-Cyclical | 3.3   |
| Financial              | 2.5   |

## HOLDINGS BY CAPITALIZATION

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| > \$10 billion              | 30.3% |
| \$3 billion - \$10 billion  | 34.2  |
| \$400 million - \$3 billion | 34.5  |
| < \$400 million             | 1.0   |

**Investors should consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, or summary prospectus, which contains this and other information about the Fund, call 1-888-99TOWLE (888-998-6953) or visit [www.towlefund.com](http://www.towlefund.com). Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

Stock fund prices fluctuate and investors may lose principal value. Micro-cap, small-cap and mid-cap stocks involve greater risks, and they can fluctuate in price more than larger company stocks. Foreign investments present additional risk due to currency exchange rate fluctuations, economic developments, political instability, and other factors. The Fund is non-diversified which increases the risk that the value of the Fund could go down because of the poor performance of a single investment. A value oriented investing style may go in and out of favor which may cause the Fund to sometimes underperform other equity funds. Portfolio holdings will change due to ongoing management of the fund. References to specific securities or sectors should not be construed as recommendations by the Fund, the Advisor or the Distributor.

**Market Turbulence Resulting from COVID-19.** The outbreak of COVID-19 has negatively affected the worldwide economy, individual countries, individual companies and the market in general. The future impact of COVID-19 is currently unknown, and it may exacerbate other risks that apply to the Fund.