# Commerce Value Fund

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# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Seeks capital appreciation and, secondarily, current income. The Fund pursues this objective through investment in equity investments of companies that are selling below fair market value compared to their future potential.

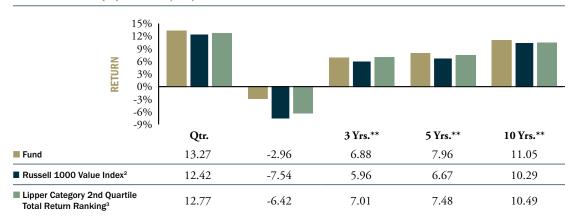
## **VALUE FUND UPDATE**

In the fourth quarter, large cap value equities began with a very volatile 2-month rally, followed by 25% of it being given back in December. The general trends appeared to be that inflation is cooling, job growth is resilient, and how much higher do short term interest rates need to be raised to slow the economy? These three topics seemed to take priority over holiday consumer sales and a mixed congress election from mid-terms. The Commerce Value Fund's return of 13.27% outperformed the Russell 1000 Value Index return of 12.42%.

Stock selection added to the Fund's performance. The Fund's strongest stocks were Emerson Electric Co. (1.98%), Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (2.03%), and Merck & Co., Inc. (2.96%) returning 31.95%, 31.22%, and 29.67%, respectively. The Fund's top detractors were Dominion Energy Inc. (0.00%) and Public Storage (1.86%), which returned -15.15% and -3.68% respectively.

The Fund's sector allocations also added to performance for the quarter. The Fund's 1.62% underweight in the Communication Services sector, which returned 2.30%, added to performance as it was the worst performing sector. The Index had a 7.50% weight in the Communication Services sector. Also, the Fund's 1.57% overweight to the Energy sector, returning 22.80%, added to performance. The Index had an 8.59% weight in the Energy sector. However, the Fund's equal weight position in the Utilities sector hurt performance as it was a weaker sector, only gaining 8.63%% for the quarter. The Index had a 5.67% weight in the Utilities sector.

## **TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF 12/31/22**



Lipper Category: Large-Cap Value Funds

<sup>\*\*</sup> Returns for periods over one year are annualized. The returns represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Fund's 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 quoted above. To obtain the most recent month-end returns, please visit our website at https://commercefunds.com/fund-information/fund-performance.

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION <sup>4</sup> (9	6)				
Sector <sup>9</sup>	Fund	Index*	Sector <sup>9</sup>	Fund	Index*
Communication Services	5.84%	7.32%	Industrials	9.91%	10.54%
Consumer Discretionary	7.77%	6.01%	Information Technology	7.60%	8.29%
Consumer Staples	7.68%	7.39%	Materials	3.88%	4.33%
Energy	10.16%	8.52%	Real Estate	3.81%	4.44%
Financials	19.28%	20.08%	Utilities	5.48%	5.77%
Health Care	16.01%	17.31%	Unassigned	2.58%	0.00%

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Fund Assets \$296,677,925 Net Asset Value<sup>1</sup> \$32.24

## **EXPENSE RATIO**<sup>5</sup>

Current (net) 0.67%
Before Waiver (gross) 0.67%

### **MANAGER TEAM**

The Fund is managed by the Equity Strategy Team, a group of senior-level investment professionals who average 36 years of experience.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION**

Equities 99.1% Cash 0.9%

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Weighted Avg. Mkt. Capitalization	\$138.1 Billion
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>6</sup>	14.4x
Number of Holdings	45

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS<sup>4</sup>

1	Chevron Corporation	6.1%
2	Pfizer Inc	3.5%
3	Johnson and Johnson	3.4%
4	Duke Energy Corporation	3.0%
5	J P Morgan Chase & Company	3.0%
6	Merck & Company Inc	3.0%
7	iShares Russell 1000 Value ETF	2.6%
8	American Electric Power Co Inc	2.4%
9	Metlife Inc	2.4%
10	CME Group Inc	2.3%

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### SUBSIDIZED 30-DAY YIELD7

30-Day Subsidized Yield	2.64%
30-Day Unsubsidized	2.62%
Gross Yield	

# LIPPER TOTAL RETURN RANKINGS\*\*\*

Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds as of 12/31/22		
1 Year	53 out of 360 (top 15%)	
5 Years	117 out of 312	
10 Years	76 out of 265 (top 29%)	

# MORNINGSTAR RISK ADJUSTED RATINGS\*\*\*\*

Large Growth Funds Category as of 12/31/22			
Overall	****	out of 1155 funds	
3-Year	***	out of 1155 funds	
5-Year	****	out of 1099 funds	
10-Year	****	out of 819 funds	

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#### **NOTES**

- 1. The Net Asset Value represents the assets of the Fund (ex dividend) divided by the total number of shares.
- The Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged market capitalization weighted index of the 1,000 largest U.S. companies with lower priceto-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.
- 3. The Lipper Category 2nd Quartile Total Return Ranking represents the lowest performing fund in the second quartile within the respective Lipper investment category.
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- 5. The total annual operating expenses of the Funds, both current (net of any fee waivers or expense limitations) and before waivers (gross of any fee waivers or expense limitations), are as set forth above. In the case of the Value, Growth, Bond, Short-Term Government, National Tax-Free Intermediate, Missouri Tax-Free Intermediate and Kansas Tax-Free Intermediate Funds, the Adviser has contractually agreed to limit each Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes and extraordinary expenses) until March 1, 2023. After that date, the Adviser or a Fund may terminate the contractual arrangement. A Fund's total annual operating expenses may increase without shareholder approval. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- 6. The price-earnings ratio (PE Ratio) is the market value per share of a company, divided by its earnings per share (EPS). The PE Ratio is used as a measure of valuation of a company's stock price.
- 7. The method of calculation of the 30-Day Standardized Subsidized Yield is mandated by the Securities Exchange Commission and is determined by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the last 30 days of the period by the maximum public offering price of the Fund ("POP") per share on the last day of the period. This number is then annualized. The 30-Day Standardized Subsidized Yield reflects fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements recorded by the Fund during the period. Without waivers and/or reimbursements, yields would be reduced. This yield does not necessarily reflect income actually earned and distributed by the Fund and, therefore, may not be correlated with the dividends or other distributions paid to shareholders. The 30-Day Standardized Unsubsidized Yield does not adjust for any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in effect. If the Fund does not incur any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements during the period, the 30-Day Standard Subsidized Yield and 30-Day Standardized Unsubsidized Yield will be identical.
- 8. All or a portion of the Fund's distributions may be treated for tax purposes as a return of capital, however, the final characterization of such distributions will be reported annually on Form 1099-DIV. The final tax status of the distributions may differ substantially from the above dividend information.
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A basis point (bp) is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01% (0.0001). For example: 1% change = 100 basis points, and 0.01% = 1 basis point.

### **FOOTNOTES**

The Fund is subject to market risk so that the value of the securities in which it invests may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies, particular industry sectors and/or general economic conditions.

\* Russell 1000 Value Index

\*\* The Total Returns are average annual total returns or cumulative total returns (only if the performance period is one year or less) as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. They are net of expenses and assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value. Because the Fund is not subject to a sales charge, such a charge is not applied to their Total Returns.

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