

## **STONE AMERICAN DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND**

### **2021 Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

For the period ended December 31, 2021



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# STONE AMERICAN DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

December 31, 2021

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The investment objective of the Stone American Dividend Growth Fund (the "Fund") is to provide investors with long term capital appreciation, by investing primarily in a portfolio of large cap, dividend paying equity securities listed on a U.S. stock exchange.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

In order to achieve the Fund's objective, investments will be made in a portfolio of securities whose returns, over time, are expected to exceed the Morningstar® US Large Cap Index on a total return basis, primarily in large cap equity securities listed on a U.S. stock exchange selected based on a bottom-up, fundamental approach for selection of issuers with durable growth prospects. Investments will be made in companies when their current market price represents value relative to their long-term potential, and so long as it continues to offer attractive return potential.

The Fund may, from time to time, hold part of its assets in cash reserves or short-term fixed income investments as a result of a lack of attractive investment opportunities or to facilitate cash flows.

### RISK

The overall long-term risk of the Fund is as described in the most recent simplified prospectus. No material changes occurred that would significantly increase the risk associated with an investment in the Fund during the period.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Market Overview and Impact on the Fund

Stocks closed out 2021 with double-digit gains led by the economic recovery, continued fiscal stimulus, successful vaccine deployment and strong corporate earnings. US companies ended the year with a record \$3.88 trillion in cash on their balance sheets and this led to a record \$234 billion in share buybacks in Q3 of this year. Data on everything from consumer spending to hiring to small business confidence had bounced back and stayed above the pandemic lows. These strong data points offset the risk of the spike in COVID-19 cases brought on by the Omicron variant and higher inflation torpedoing the economy back into another malaise.

The Morningstar Global Markets index was up 17.3% for the year. The Morningstar US Large cap index was up 26.1% this year closing at a record, scoring its 70<sup>th</sup> record close of the year. Asian markets performed horribly with the Hang Seng down 14.1%. China's crackdown on technology companies, coupled with the massive real estate debt on companies such as Evergrande, have caused investors to sell the market.

Even with this strong rally, stocks are cheaper now than they were at the beginning of the year. US companies are trading at 21x analysts' projected earnings for the next year, compared to 22.8 times at the end of 2020. This was due to the blowout year of corporate earnings as the US companies' profit rose 45.0%, the most since 2008. Profit growth for next year is still expected to grow by 9.0% for 2022.

Domestically, the Morningstar Canada index posted a strong gain for 2021 with a 24.7% return. The best performing sectors were Energy and Financials as they have benefited from the global economic reopening after the pandemic-driven downturn. Energy and Financials make up 45.3% of the entire market and these sectors benefited from the move to cyclical and value names. The Energy sector was up 79.9% for the year while Financials were up 31.6%. Oil prices topped \$85 per barrel for the first time since 2018 as the reopening economy caused surging demand for oil in the industrialized economies. Energy demand was also boosted by domestic consumption as the extreme weather events in the year saw a deep freeze in Texas, record-setting heat temperatures on the North American west coast, and skyrocketing gas prices in Europe. Oil eased back to \$75 per barrel at the end of 2021 after the Omicron variant threat hit demand but this was still up 55.0% for the year. The Financial sector was helped by rising bond yields as this helps these companies with higher net interest margin spreads. The weakest sector was the Basic Materials group up 2.4% as the price of gold remained depressed for the year. The precious metal has suffered since its record close of \$2069/oz in August 2020 and is now down 15.0% from that high point at \$1800/oz (and down 3.5% for the year). Silver prices were down 11.4% in 2021.

The steady rise in bond yields accelerated earlier in the year roiling markets and questioning central banks' ability of controlling the pace of economic recovery. Government bond yields soared globally popping the US 10-year Treasury yields to 1.7% mid-year (tripling from its low last summer) before falling back to the 1.6% level at year end. This was a level not seen since February 2020. Even though the economic data does not suggest a return to solid economic recovery any time soon, the markets have begun to price in much faster growth. Canadian bond yields also moved in tandem with their US counterparts with yields on the 10-year Canadian jumping to 1.6% before settling at 1.4%. Expectations are that the Bank of Canada will join the US Federal Reserve and "taper" its rate of buying government bonds and raising rates. Economists and investment managers believe the bond market is moving on faster-than-expected economic growth as the COVID-19 vaccine rollout boosts GDP forecasts. However, the move in yields could also signal hotter inflation ahead, which weighed on equity valuations in certain periods throughout the year.

#### COVID-19 Impact

During the year equity markets continued to gain, after recovering most if not all the losses incurred in the COVID-19 related bear market earlier in calendar year of 2020. Cash levels were deployed throughout the period as we became more comfortable with the reopening of the economy and recovery in corporate profits. In addition, the Fund did not face any large redemptions that would have materially affected the performance of the Fund (see change in Net Asset Value for net sales).

Within our pure total return and income mandates, companies that are either highly leveraged or at risk of cutting their dividends have been sold. Within our growth mandates, we eliminated companies that will have a hard time growing in this challenged environment. All the portfolios have been structured as more defensive compared to their benchmark index. We believe the best way to invest in markets as these is to have a total return focus. Investors should be rewarded by buying companies with a strong growth profile and growing dividend stream. All the public equity holdings are liquid positions and can be sold within a day.

We use our proprietary investment process daily and in volatile market conditions, we seek to ensure that we can manage downside risk and adjust the portfolios accordingly while seeking to achieve our long-term investment goals for our clients.

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (continued)

### Performance

The Fund was underweighted in interest-sensitive sectors such as Technology and Real Estate. We were 6.0% below the benchmark weight in Technology and a zero weight in Real Estate vs. the index of 2.5%. Being overweight in underperforming Verizon Communications Inc. and no exposure to Alphabet Inc. has hurt the performance the most. Real Estate sector performed positively over the period; however, the Fund did not miss by much considering the low weight in the entire benchmark

Energy was another detractor to the overall performance as the Fund had no exposure to the sector while the sector rose 53.4% over the year. We sold the names in February 2021 as the condition was changed to the detriment of precious metal. The only remaining Materials name is Ecolab Inc. which underperformed the sector despite going up 8.5% over the period.

Being overweight in the Financials sector which was slightly offset by underperforming (relative to the sector) non-bank holdings, positively contributed to the performance with Fifth Third Bancorp up 62.1% among the top 10 performers and Citizen Financial Group Inc. up 35.8%.

Consumer Cyclical has also been a significant contributor to the performance with being underweight the sector that underperformed benchmark which was more than offset by security selection where Home Depot Inc. outperformed the sector by over 35%.

In Health Care, being slightly overweight in slightly underperforming sector was almost offset by superior security selection with CVS Health Corp. up 53.5% and 1.9% overweight which was among the top 10 best performers. Overweight in the Industrials sector did not work as predicted as the sector underperformed the benchmark but it was almost offset by security selection with ABB Ltd., up 39.2%, United Parcel Service Inc. up 28.9% and Raytheon Technologies Corp. up over 22%. Consumer Non-Cyclicals was neutral in its impact on overall relative performance.

The Fund held higher than normal cash balance of 2.4%, up from 1.7% at the end of last year.

The Morningstar® Canada Index performed similarly to indices around the world that were up significantly during the period, up 24.7% over the year, vs. the Morningstar® Developed Markets Large-Mid Cap Index up 20.5% and the Morningstar® US Large Cap Index up 26.1%.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark during the period. As mentioned above, both sector allocation and stock selection were the reasons for our underperformance vs. the benchmark. Our disciplined approach toward total return remains a core practice in managing the portfolio risk and this approach is paying off.

As a result, the Fund's Series generated the following returns for the period.

	Series			
A	F	O	T5A	T5F
18.8%	20.2%	0.0%	18.7%	0.0%

Any differences in performance returns between Series are primarily due to different management and operating fees that are applicable to a particular Series. Please refer to "Past Performance" for details regarding the performance of the Fund's Series. The calculation of the Fund's Series performance takes into consideration all fees and expenses of the Fund, which are not applicable in the calculation of the benchmark's performance. The Fund's broad-based benchmark, the Morningstar® Canada Index returned 24.7% over the same period.

The comparison to this broad-based index is provided to enable you to compare the Fund's performance relative to that of the general market. A comparison to the Fund's main benchmark, which is Morningstar® U.S. Large Cap Index, provides a comparison to a benchmark that is more reflective of the Fund's investment objective and strategy. The main benchmark returned 26.1% over the same period.

Series performance takes into consideration all fees and expenses of the Fund, which are not applicable in the calculation of the benchmark's performance.

### Change in Net asset value

Net Assets of the Fund decreased by 12.0% or \$0.6 million during the period, from \$5.0 million at December 31, 2020 to \$4.4 million at December 31, 2021. This change in Net Assets is attributed to net sales (redemptions) of (\$1.3) million, cash distributions of \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million to investment operations, including market appreciation (depreciation), income and expenses.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Please see "Results of Operations" for market-related developments. There are no known changes at this time to the manager, portfolio manager or the composition of the Independent Review Committee.

Subsequent to December 31, 2021, the escalating conflict between Ukraine and the Russian Federation has resulted in significant volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. NATO, EU and G7 member countries, including Canada, have imposed severe and coordinated sanctions against Russia. Restrictive measures have also been imposed by Russia and some securities have materially declined in value and/or may no longer be tradable. These actions have resulted in significant disruptions to investing activities and businesses with operations in Russia. The longer-term impact to geopolitical norms, supply chains and investment valuations is uncertain.

As at December 31, 2021, the Funds did not have any exposure to Russian or Ukrainian securities. It is unclear what further actions may be taken by governments and the resulting impact on global economies, businesses and financial markets. While the situation remains fluid, SAM will continue to monitor ongoing developments and the impact to investment strategies.

### Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as published by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Stone Asset Management Limited ("SAM") is the manager and portfolio manager of the Fund. SAM is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stone Investment Group Limited.

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (continued)

### Fund Manager

As Fund Manager, SAM is responsible for managing the Fund's overall business and day-to-day operational services, as described under the headings "Management Fees" and "Operating Fees".

### Portfolio Manager

As Portfolio Manager, SAM is responsible for providing portfolio management services to the Fund.

### Management fees

The Fund pays a management fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, based on the following schedule:

Series	A	F	O	T5A	T5F
Annual Fee (%)	2.00	0.95	-	2.00	0.95

The following table lists the major services received by the Fund, as a percentage of the Management Fee:

Series	A	F	O	T5A	T5F
Dealer Compensation (%)	50	-	-	50	-
Investment and Fund Management (%)	50	100	-	50	100
Total (%)	100	100	-	100	100

### Operating fees

The Fund pays operating fees (the "Operating Fees") to SAM for the day-to-day operational services. The Operating Fees include, but are not limited to: legal and audit fees, transfer agency costs, custodian costs, filing fees, administrative and overhead costs charged by SAM, and the Independent Review Committee of the Fund.

Operating fees incurred by the Fund are allocated among the Series on a reasonable basis as determined by SAM. At its sole discretion, the manager may waive management fees or absorb expenses of the Fund. The management expense ratios of each of the Series of units of the Fund with and without the waivers and absorptions are reported in the Ratios and Supplemental Data table.

### Independent Review Committee

SAM has established the Independent Review Committee (the "IRC") for the Fund in accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 81-107 – Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds in order to review conflicts of interest as they relate to investment fund management.

The compensation and other reasonable expenses of the IRC are paid pro rata out of the assets of the Fund for which the independent review committee acts. The main component of compensation is an annual retainer. The Chair of the IRC is entitled to an additional fee.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables present selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods indicated.

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY<sup>1</sup>

Series	As at	Net assets, beginning of period <sup>2</sup>	Increase (decrease) from operations <sup>3</sup> (All figures in (\$))				Distributions <sup>2,3</sup>				Net assets, end of period <sup>2</sup>		
			Total revenue	Total expenses (excluding distributions)	Realized gains (losses) for the period	Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	Net investment income (excluding dividends)	Dividends	Capital gains		Return of capital	Total distributions <sup>3</sup>
	Dec 2021	<b>9.31</b>	0.19	(0.44)	0.89	1.06	<b>1.70</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>11.06</b>
	Dec 2020	<b>8.84</b>	0.26	(0.44)	0.31	0.10	<b>0.23</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>9.31</b>
	Dec 2019	<b>8.70</b>	0.32	(0.36)	0.52	0.27	<b>0.75</b>	–	–	(0.28)	(0.53)	<b>(0.81)</b>	<b>8.84</b>
	Dec 2018	<b>10.37</b>	0.30	(0.43)	0.46	(0.92)	<b>(0.59)</b>	–	–	(0.15)	(0.74)	<b>(0.89)</b>	<b>8.70</b>
<b>A</b>	Dec 2017	<b>10.84</b>	0.28	(0.32)	0.16	0.30	<b>0.42</b>	–	–	–	(0.90)	<b>(0.90)</b>	<b>10.37</b>
	Dec 2021	<b>9.96</b>	0.20	(0.35)	0.89	1.32	<b>2.06</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>11.97</b>
	Dec 2020	<b>9.34</b>	0.27	(0.35)	0.29	0.27	<b>0.48</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>9.96</b>
	Dec 2019	<b>9.23</b>	0.33	(0.28)	1.53	0.02	<b>1.60</b>	–	–	(0.49)	(0.54)	<b>(1.03)</b>	<b>9.34</b>
	Dec 2018	<b>10.82</b>	0.32	(0.33)	0.50	(1.01)	<b>(0.52)</b>	–	–	(0.14)	(0.74)	<b>(0.88)</b>	<b>9.23</b>
<b>F</b>	Dec 2017	<b>11.16</b>	0.29	(0.21)	0.14	0.38	<b>0.60</b>	–	–	–	(0.90)	<b>(0.90)</b>	<b>10.82</b>
	Dec 2021	<b>10.00</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>10.00</b>
	Dec 2020	<b>10.00</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>10.00</b>
<b>O†</b>	Dec 2019	<b>10.00</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>10.00</b>
	Dec 2021	<b>10.70</b>	0.21	(0.50)	1.00	1.19	<b>1.90</b>	–	–	–	(0.53)	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>12.12</b>
	Dec 2020	<b>10.71</b>	0.30	(0.52)	0.34	0.33	<b>0.45</b>	–	–	–	(0.54)	<b>(0.54)</b>	<b>10.70</b>
<b>T5A†</b>	Dec 2019	<b>10.00</b>	0.15	(0.18)	1.49	(0.39)	<b>1.07</b>	–	–	(0.54)	(0.08)	<b>(0.62)</b>	<b>10.71</b>
	Dec 2021	<b>10.00</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>10.00</b>
	Dec 2020	<b>10.00</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>10.00</b>
<b>T5F†</b>	Dec 2019	<b>10.00</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>10.00</b>

†Series was seeded on August 1, 2019 at \$10.00.

#### Explanatory Notes:

1. This information is derived from the Fund's annual audited financial statements.
2. Net assets and dividends are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/(decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period. It is not intended that the Fund's net asset per security table act as a continuity of opening and closing net assets per security.
3. Dividends were paid in cash and/or reinvested in additional securities of the Fund.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

### RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Series	As at	Total net asset value (\$000's) <sup>1</sup>	Number of securities outstanding <sup>1</sup>	Management expense ratio ("MER") (%) <sup>2</sup>	MER before waivers or absorptions (%) <sup>2</sup>	Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	Net asset value per security (\$)
	Dec 2021	2,360	213,383	4.02	4.76	0.05	13	11.06
	Dec 2020	2,744	294,643	4.41	4.72	0.06	13	9.31
	Dec 2019	4,432	501,105	3.32	3.32	0.13	59	8.84
	Dec 2018	14,534	1,670,842	3.62	3.62	0.04	25	8.70
A	Dec 2017	24,404	2,353,073	2.70	3.24	0.03	19	10.37
	Dec 2021	913	76,285	2.83	3.57	0.05	13	11.97
	Dec 2020	764	76,720	3.17	3.48	0.06	13	9.96
	Dec 2019	790	84,535	2.19	2.19	0.13	59	9.34
	Dec 2018	383	41,467	2.47	2.47	0.04	25	9.23
F	Dec 2017	583	53,896	1.67	2.01	0.03	19	10.82
	Dec 2021	–	1	–	–	–	–	10.00
	Dec 2020	–	1	–	–	–	–	10.00
O†	Dec 2019	–	1	–	–	–	–	10.00
	Dec 2021	1,139	94,007	4.03	4.77	0.05	13	12.12
	Dec 2020	1,458	136,278	4.40	4.71	0.06	13	10.70
T5A†	Dec 2019	1,715	160,078	3.31	3.31	0.13	59	10.71
	Dec 2021	–	1	–	–	–	–	10.00
	Dec 2020	–	1	–	–	–	–	10.00
T5F†	Dec 2019	–	1	–	–	–	–	10.00

†Series opened on August 1, 2019.

#### Explanatory Notes:

- This information is provided as at each period shown.
- Management expense ratio ("MER") for each Series is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period.
- The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a Fund.

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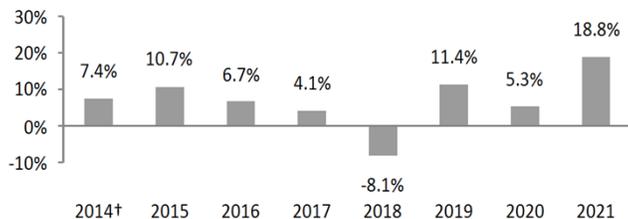
## PAST PERFORMANCE

### YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

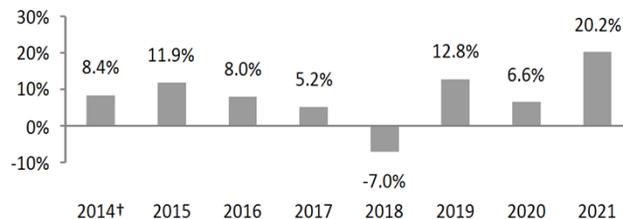
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The following charts present the Fund's performance for each of the periods shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance varied from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year, except where noted. Returns are not disclosed for Series of the Fund that have been in existence for less than one year.

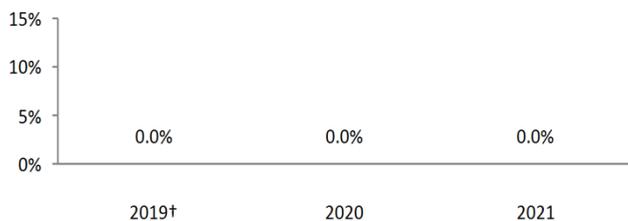
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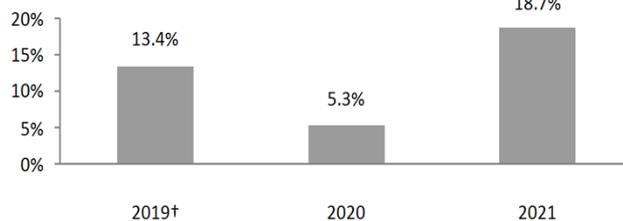
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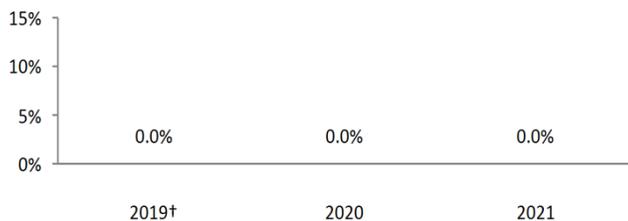
**Series O**



**Series T5A**



**Series T5F**



†From inception to December 31 of that year.

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## PAST PERFORMANCE (continued)

### ANNUAL COMPOUND RETURNS

The following table shows the annual compound returns for each Series of the Fund compared to the benchmark, the Morningstar® US Large Cap Index, and is expressed in Canadian dollars. The Fund performance is net of management fees and administrative expenses (“MER”) and portfolio transaction costs whereas the benchmark performance does not incorporate such costs.

The Morningstar® US Large Cap Index<sup>SM</sup> is a rule-based, float market capitalization weighted index designed to cover 70% of the equity market capitalization of the United States market.

	1 YEAR (%)	3 YEARS (%)	5 YEARS (%)	10 YEARS (%)	SINCE INCEPTION (%)	INCEPTION DATE
Series A	18.8	11.7	5.9	n/a	7.2	2014/07/17
Benchmark	26.1	23.6	17.9	n/a	17.8	2014/07/17
Series F	20.2	13.0	7.2	n/a	8.6	2014/07/17
Benchmark	26.1	23.6	17.9	n/a	17.8	2014/07/17
Series O	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0	2019/08/01
Benchmark	26.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.7	2019/08/01
Series T5A	18.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.5	2019/08/01
Benchmark	26.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.7	2019/08/01
Series T5F	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0	2019/08/01
Benchmark	26.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.7	2019/08/01

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

TOP 25 HOLDINGS	% of Total Net Asset Value	PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION	% of Total Net Asset Value
<b>Name of Security</b>		<b>Sector Allocation</b>	
Microsoft Corp.	4.5	Consumer Cyclical	7.9
Broadcom Inc.	3.6	Consumer Non-Cyclicals	14.1
Abbott Laboratories	3.6	Financials	10.7
Accenture PLC, Class 'A'	3.5	Healthcare	15.1
Apple Inc.	3.4	Industrials	8.3
AbbVie Inc.	3.4	Technology	35.5
Applied Materials Inc.	3.4	Basic Materials	2.7
Home Depot Inc.	3.2	Utilities	2.5
ABB Ltd., ADR	3.2	Other net assets (liabilities)	0.8
KLA Corp.	3.2	Cash & cash equivalents	2.4
BlackRock Inc.	3.0		
CVS Health Corp.	3.0	<b>Industry Allocation</b>	
QUALCOMM Inc.	2.8	Aerospace & Defense	2.5
Costco Wholesale Corp.	2.7	Banks	2.4
Walmart Inc.	2.7	Broadcasting	2.0
Stryker Corp.	2.7	Communications & Networking	2.7
Cisco Systems Inc.	2.7	Consumer Goods Conglomerates	7.5
Allstate Corp.	2.7	Courier, Postal, Air Freight & Land-based Logistics	2.6
Ecolab Inc.	2.7	Discount Stores	2.7
Honeywell International Inc.	2.6	Electric Utilities	2.5
State Street Corp.	2.6	Financial Technology (Fintech)	2.1
Merck & Co. Inc.	2.6	Food Processing	2.4
United Parcel Service Inc., Class 'B'	2.6	Food Retail & Distribution	2.7
Visa Inc., Class 'A'	2.5	Healthcare Facilities & Services	3.0
Raytheon Technologies Corp.	2.5	Heavy Electrical Equipment	3.2
	<b>75.4</b>	Home Improvement Products & Services Retailers	3.2
		Investment Management & Fund Operators	5.6
		IT Services & Consulting	3.5
		Medical Equipment, Supplies & Distribution	6.3
		Online Services	2.5
		Pharmaceuticals	5.9
		Phones & Handheld Devices	3.4
		Property & Casualty Insurance	2.7
		Semiconductor Equipment & Testing	6.5
		Semiconductors	6.4
		Software	6.9
		Specialty Chemicals	2.7
		Miscellaneous†	2.9
		Other net assets (liabilities)	0.8
		Cash & cash equivalents	2.4

This summary of investment portfolio may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Fund's investment portfolio are available from the Manager at [www.stoneco.com](http://www.stoneco.com).

†Note: Industries representing less than 2% of the portfolio are included in "Miscellaneous".

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### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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