



# ASTON/Herndon Large Cap Value Fund

December 31, 2014

## Top Ten Stock Holdings

	Fund
Apple Inc.	3.98%
Lockheed Martin Corp.	3.55%
Western Digital Corp.	3.51%
CBOE Holdings Inc.	3.49%
The TJX Cos Inc.	3.49%
ConocoPhillips	3.04%
Mylan Inc.	3.02%
Altria Group Inc.	3.01%
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	2.99%
Discover Financial Services	2.99%
<b>Percentage of Total Net Assets</b>	<b>33.07%</b>

The Fund is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.

## Sector Breakdown vs. Benchmark Comparison

	Fund	Benchmark*
Financials	22.59%	29.87%
Energy	21.58%	11.28%
Information Technology	12.67%	9.55%
Industrials	11.66%	10.08%
Consumer Staples	8.36%	7.38%
Consumer Discretionary	7.89%	6.58%
Materials	7.35%	3.04%
Health Care	4.94%	13.70%
Telecommunication Services	1.03%	2.08%
Cash Equivalents & Other	1.01%	0.00%
Utilities	0.93%	6.44%

\* Russell 1000 Value Index  
Sector weightings are based on net assets.

Note: Value investing often involves buying the stocks of companies that are currently out of favor that may decline further.

Parameters set by the Subadviser are not a fundamental policy of the Fund and are subject to change at any time.

Class N: **AALIX** Class I: **AHRNX**

## Highlights

- Focus on “Value Creating Opportunities” - VCOs
- Methodical and understandable process makes it repeatable
- Proprietary sector weighting criteria for valuation-based diversification

## Subadviser

### Herndon Capital Management (Atlanta, GA)

Herndon Capital specializes in large-cap equities. Its Large-Cap Value strategy combines fundamental analysis with rigorous quality assessments to find relatively undervalued stocks with significant upside potential.

## Portfolio Manager



### Randell A. Cain Jr., CFA

Principal and Portfolio Manager

Mr. Cain has 23 years of investment industry experience. He received a BS from Morehouse College, a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

## Investment Strategy & Process

The Fund invests in large-cap companies, defined by inclusion in the Russell 1000 Index, which are undervalued relative to other companies in the index.

### Value Creating Opportunities (VCO)

- Screen for potential 30% upside based on relative 5-year average return-on-equity (ROE) versus relative valuation
- Market capitalization greater than \$1 billion within the Russell 1000 Index
- S&P Quality Ranking of “C” or better

### Fundamental Analysis

- Rank fundamental competitiveness of VCOs versus overall portfolio
- SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) analysis of company strategy, operations, financials, and management
- Ensure comfort with how a company generates earnings - Form investment thesis

### Portfolio Construction

- Initial purchase of 1% of portfolio, max 2%
- Sector weights based on percentage of VCOs within universe, with min/max weight of +/- 10 percentage points of benchmark

### Risk Controls

- Diversified portfolio of 40 to 70 stocks with a maximum position size of 5% of assets
- Will not purchase a stock directly into the top-10 holdings

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### Calendar Year Returns

	Class N	Class I	Benchmark
2014	1.05%	1.26%	13.45%
2013	29.79%	30.13%	32.53%
2012	15.83%	16.24%	17.51%
2011	-0.54%	—	0.39%

### Fund Information

	Class N	Class I
Ticker	AALIX	AHRNX
Cusip	00080Y660	00080Y595
Net Exp. Ratio*	1.30%	1.05%
Gross Exp. Ratio*	1.31%	1.06%
Median Mkt Cap (\$Mil)		23,594
Wtd Avg Mkt Cap (\$Mil)		77,094
Total Net Assets (\$Mil)		144.7
Turnover**		75%
Sales Load		None
Number of Stocks		43

\* Net expense ratio excludes acquired fund fees and expenses.

\*\*Based on a rolling 12-month average as of 10/31/2014.

Objective: The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

### 3 Yr. Portfolio Return Statistics

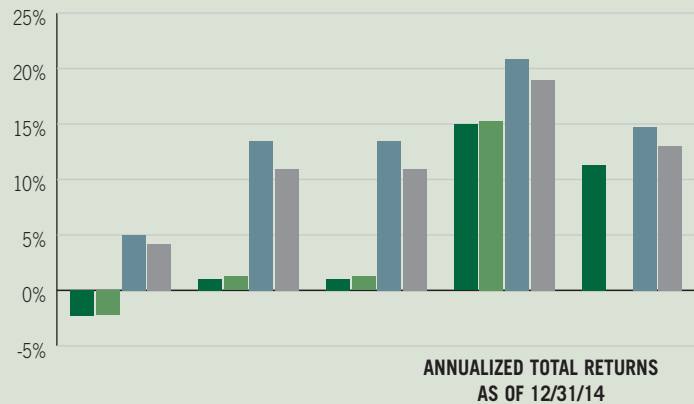
	Class N
R-Squared	82.19
Beta	1.05
Alpha	-5.95
Standard Deviation	10.82
Sharpe Ratio	1.34

**R-Squared** is the percentage of a fund's movement that can be explained by movements in its benchmark index. **Beta** is a measure of risk which shows a fund's volatility relative to its benchmark index. **Alpha** measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk. **Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of the range of a fund's performance. The **Sharpe Ratio** uses excess return and standard deviation to determine reward per unit of risk. Source: Morningstar, Inc.

For quarterly Fund commentary please visit us online at [www.astonfunds.com](http://www.astonfunds.com).

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### Performance



	Current Quarter ^	Year-To-Date ^	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception/Date
Class N Shares	-2.26%	1.05%	1.05%	14.95%	11.30% 3/31/10
Class I Shares	-2.18%	1.26%	1.26%	15.27%	10.38% 3/2/11
Benchmark*	4.98%	13.45%	13.45%	20.89%	14.70% 4/01/10
Category**	4.19%	10.96%	10.96%	19.00%	13.03% 3/31/10

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, upon redemption, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Some of the returns quoted reflect fee waivers or expense reimbursements that are no longer in effect. Returns for certain periods would have been lower without the waivers/reimbursements. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, please visit our website at [www.astonfunds.com](http://www.astonfunds.com).

^ Total Returns.

\* The **Russell 1000 Value Index** is an unmanaged capitalization weighted index made up of companies with lower price to-book ratios. Indices are adjusted for the reinvestment of capital gains and income dividends. Individuals cannot invest in an index.

\*\*The **Morningstar Large Blend Category** figures allow for a direct comparison of a fund's performance within its Morningstar Category.

### Morningstar Rating™

Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns



OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING

As of 12/31/14. The N Class was rated 1 star for the 3-year period against 1336 US-domiciled Large Blend funds.

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### Morningstar® Rankings

Based on Total Return

Class N	1 Yr.	3 Yr.
Percentile Rank	98	93
# of Funds	1,568	1,336