

# BNY Mellon U.S. Dynamic Value Fund

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER



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#### **FUND RATINGS**



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#### PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK

The Fund will measure its performance against Russell 1000 Value TR Index (the "Benchmark").

The Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager has absolute discretion to invest outside the Benchmark subject to the investment objective and policies disclosed in the Prospectus. While the majority of the Fund's holdings are expected to be constituents of, and have similar weightings to, the Benchmark, the investment strategy does not restrict the extent to which the Investment Manager may deviate from the Benchmark.

#### PERFORMANCE NOTE

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments can fall. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Income from investments may vary and is not guaranteed.

#### **QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Performance: The Fund generated a positive return, net of fees, and outperformed its benchmark.
- Activity: We increased exposure to healthcare and reduced exposure to consumer discretionary.
- Outlook & Strategy: We remain confident in our Fund's positioning and believe the ongoing market dislocation positions US large-cap value stocks to produce attractive absolute and relative returns over the next several years.

## **5 YEAR CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)**



## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (%)

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	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	2YR	3YR	5YR
USD C (Acc.)	5.24	21.69	3.70	3.70	14.17	5.02	9.20
Performance Benchmark	3.83	16.25	2.80	2.80	14.03	6.06	9.73
Sector	3.78	13.22	18.76	18.76	22.71	11.82	12.52
No. of funds in sector	402	394	370	370	341	311	259
Quartile	1	1	4	4	4	4	4
	201	16	2017	2018	20	19	2020
Fund	17.5	57	14.05	-11.16	25.	75	3.70
Performance Benchmark	17.3	34	13.66	-8.27	26.	54	2.80

Source: Lipper as at 31 December 2020. Fund performance USD C (Acc.) calculated as total return, based on net asset value, including charges, but excluding initial charge, income reinvested gross of tax, expressed in share class currency. The impact of the initial charge, which may be up to 5%, can be material on the performance of your investment. Performance figures including the initial charge are available upon request.

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## PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

Equity markets performed positively in the fourth quarter. In the US, markets outperformed as a long-anticipated vaccine was released to combat Covid-19, which saw case increases in the fourth quarter.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS WERE THE LARGEST RELATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

In October, the Senate confirmed Amy Coney Barrett as the newest US Supreme Court Justice, replacing Ruth Bader Ginsburg who died in September. In November, Joe Biden won the presidency, defeating incumbent President Donald Trump. The following month, Congress passed the latest coronavirus relief package after some initial debate around the bill's contents stalled its approval. The Federal Reserve (Fed) made no monetary policy changes during the period but committed to continuing with its bond-buying programme into the new year. The Fed predicted a challenging first few months for the economy heading into 2021. Finally, US dollar performance fluctuated in the quarter but fell by the end of the period.

Among developed markets, Europe grappled with a second Covid-19 wave, which forced many countries to reinstitute strict lockdowns. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a new coronavirus strain discovered in the UK could be more contagious than the virus's first manifestation. France suffered two separate terror-related attacks in Nice and Paris in addition to its pandemic-related woes. A long-awaited Brexit trade deal between the UK and the European Union eased years of uncertainty about the future economic relationship between the two parties. The European Central Bank left interest rates unchanged over the period but expanded its bond-buying program by an additional €500bn. Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan committed to searching for new and better ways to reach its inflation target in the coming months but held interest rates steady. Finally, UK annual inflation remained below the Bank of England's 2.0% target during the fourth quarter.

In this environment, the Fund made a positive return, net of fees, and outperformed its benchmark. On a sector basis, information technology and materials were the largest relative contributors, while industrials and energy were the largest relative detractors.

Robust stock selection in the semiconductor space helped relative returns and drove outperformance in the information technology sector. Relative returns in materials were helped by stock selection in metals and mining and chemicals. Specifically, shares in the copper producer Freeport-McMoRan continued to surge on the heels of positive vaccine news, which we believe will underpin improved industrial demand in 2021. Supply and demand trends in the metal also remain supportive of near- to medium-term pricing. Secular growth prospects for electric vehicles, which use far more copper than conventional vehicles are supportive of prices longer term.

Conversely, industrials weighed on performance due to challenging stock selection in aerospace and defence and a lack of exposure to the industrial conglomerate segment. In particular, a lack of exposure to General Electric weighed on relative returns for the quarter, as shares recovered sharply due to vaccine news. We remain zero weighted due to the structural headwinds facing some of their key businesses.

# **ACTIVITY REVIEW**

During the quarter we added to our healthcare positions, particularly within healthcare providers and services, equipment and supplies and pharmaceuticals, moving to a moderately higher overweight position.

# WE INCREASED EXPOSURE TO HEALTHCARE AND DECREASED EXPOSURE TO CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY

We purchased medical and commercial products and services provider Danaher at an attractive entry point.

We trimmed our exposure to consumer discretionary, moving further underweight. After exceptional performance, we eliminated DIY and home improvement retailer Lowe's within the specialty retail space.

# INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK

Equity markets ended 2020 at near-record highs, buoyed by promising vaccine developments and a decided US presidential election.

## WE REMAIN CONFIDENT IN OUR FUND'S POSITIONING

With the Georgia run-off complete, what initially looked like divided government has now shifted to a Democrat sweep, though the 50-50 Senate split, which breaks in the Democrats favour with the vice-president tiebreaker, should make disruptive legislation more challenging. Heading into 2021, this backdrop should set the stage for an environment that includes continued stimulus efforts and supportive monetary policy.

Value stocks tend to do better in the early recovery phases of the market cycle, and low valuations and depressed current earnings remain a compelling combination for our value approach to investing. The fourth quarter witnessed a pronounced rotation from growth to value, with value names moving higher in anticipation of a more robust reopening of the global economy. As such, investor sentiment is shifting from technology and internet stocks, which had led the market for some time, to cyclically oriented value stocks.

The Fund is maintaining its overweight to financials. While these names have been out of favour due to a low interest rate setting, the current environment looks supportive for higher yields, with the 10-year US Treasury rate beginning to nudge higher. A reopening of the economy could also spur inflation. The Fed recently gave banks the green light to restart capital return initiatives such as share buybacks, in a time frame that was faster than anticipated. These initiatives had been suspended in the first quarter due to market volatility surrounding the coronavirus. All of the above combine to provide supportive elements for the financials sector, and banks in particular.

# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

	Fund
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4.9
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	3.6
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B	3.4
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	3.1
Morgan Stanley	3.0
Medtronic Plc	2.8
PPL Corporation	2.4
Eaton Corp. Plc	2.3
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.2
Vulcan Materials Company	2.2

# INDUSTRIAL ALLOCATION (%)

	Fund	Perf. B'mark
Information Technology	11.6	9.5
Materials	7.4	4.8
Financials	27.3	18.8
Consumer Discretionary	6.3	7.7
Consumer Staples	5.0	8.0
Real Estate	0.3	4.5
Utilities	6.8	5.9
Communication Services	2.6	9.5
Health Care	14.2	13.8
Energy	5.0	4.2
Industrials	13.5	13.4

# QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION BY INDUSTRY

	Total Fund Return	Total Index Return	Stock Selection	Asset Allocation	Net Effect
Information Technology	29.10	16.02	1.20	0.00	1.41
Materials	32.08	16.78	0.64	0.03	1.00
Financials	26.78	26.03	0.12	0.78	0.96
Consumer Discretionary	25.99	15.41	0.81	0.03	0.70
Consumer Staples	7.38	6.00	0.09	0.32	0.35
Real Estate	8.80	11.92	0.45	0.17	0.24
Utilities	12.02	7.00	0.28	-0.11	0.21
Communication Services	19.59	16.92	0.42	0.01	0.08
Health Care	8.42	8.48	0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Energy	26.79	28.17	-0.04	0.02	-0.04
Industrials	17.21	19.91	-0.30	0.05	-0.25

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited

## **KEY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FUND**

- There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its objectives.
- The Fund primarily invests in a single market which may have a significant impact on the value of the Fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset from which their value is derived. A small movement in the value of the underlying asset can cause a large movement in the value of the derivative. This can increase the sizes of losses and gains, causing the value of your investment to fluctuate. When using derivatives, the Fund can lose significantly more than the amount it has invested in derivatives.
- The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as custody of assets or acting as a counterparty to derivatives or other contractual arrangements, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Certain share classes are denominated in a different currency from the base currency (i.e. the reporting currency) of the Fund. Changes in the exchange rate between the share class currency and the base currency may affect the value of your investment.
- Certain share classes use techniques to try to reduce the effects of changes in the exchange rate between the share class currency and the base currency of the Fund. These techniques may not eliminate all the currency risk.
- A complete description of risk factors is set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Risk Factors".

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

Long term capital growth through investment primarily (meaning at least two-thirds of the Fund's assets) in a portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of companies with a market capitalisation of U.S. \$1 billion or above at the time of investment, having their registered office in the U.S. or carrying out a preponderant part of their economic activities in the U.S.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Total net assets (million)	\$ 3.70
Performance Benchmark	Russell 1000 Value TR
Lipper sector	Lipper Global - Equity US
Fund type	ICVC
Fund domicile	Ireland
Fund manager	Dedicated Team
Base currency	USD
Currencies available	EUR, USD
Fund launch	18 Sep 2002

### **DEALING**

09:00 to 17:00 each business day Valuation point: 22:00 Dublin time

## USD C (ACC.) SHARE CLASS DETAILS

Inception date 12 Apr 2006
Min. initial investment \$5,000,000
Max. initial charge 5.00%
ISIN IE0031688199
Pagistered for sala in: AT RE DK DE ER EL GLGG JE IT JE LIJ NJJ NO

Registered for sale in: AT, BE, DK, DE, FR, FI, GI, GG, IE, IT, JE, LU, NL, NO, PE, PT, ES, SE, CH, GB

#### USD C (ACC.) COSTS AND CHARGES (%)

Ongoing Costs	1.24
Management fee	1.00
Other costs & charges	0.24
Transaction costs ex ante	0.74

Source: BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited

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