

# Mid Cap Equity Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PHILOSOPHY

The Mid Cap Equity Fund seeks to *maximize long-term capital appreciation*. In pursuing its goal, the Fund invests primarily in the common stock of mid-capitalization companies traded in the U.S. The Adviser considers a mid-capitalization company as one with market capitalization, at the time of purchase, within the range of companies included in the Russell Midcap® Index. Highly speculative or illiquid stocks are not candidates for the Fund. To control risk, extreme overweighting or underweighting of the Fund relative to the Russell Midcap® Index is normally avoided. The Fund will normally invest in approximately 75 to 125 companies.

The Adviser employs a Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP) investment philosophy in the management of the Fund. The GARP approach provides an opportunity to invest in companies with strong earnings growth selling at attractive valuations.

## ABOUT THE ADVISER

Rainier Investment Management, LLC is dedicated to enhancing client returns through insightful and disciplined identification of growth companies. Rainier is headquartered in Seattle, Washington and manages assets in separate accounts, collective trusts and the Rainier Funds. Rainier offers U.S. equity strategies covering a wide range of market caps, fixed income, and international equity management.

Rainier Investment Management is an affiliate of Manning & Napier Advisors, LLC (Manning & Napier), a registered investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Manning & Napier was founded in 1970 and is headquartered in Rochester, NY.

## TOTAL RETURNS

As of 3/31/2017	Rainier Mid Cap Equity - Orig.	Rainier Mid Cap Equity - Instit.	Russell Midcap® Index	Russell Midcap Growth® Index
Quarter	5.83%	5.89%	5.15%	6.89%
YTD	5.83	5.89	5.15	6.89
1 Year	11.68	11.94	17.03	14.07
3 Years*	4.15	4.44	8.47	7.88
5 Years*	8.10	8.39	13.08	11.95
10 Years*	5.86	6.14	7.93	8.13
Since Inception (12/27/2005)*	7.54	7.82	8.76	8.50

The Gross and Net Expense Ratio for Institutional are 1.13% and 1.10%, respectively, and Original Shares are 1.37% and 1.35%, respectively, which are the amounts stated in the current prospectus as of the date of this report. Investment performance reflects fee reductions. In the absence of such reductions, total return would be reduced. The Investment Adviser has contractually agreed to waive/reimburse expenses through 7/31/17.

\* Average annualized returns.

Performance data quoted represent past performance, which does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than what is shown and may be obtained at 800-280-6111. The table does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.

**Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.**



RIMMX - Original Shares  
RAIMX - Institutional Shares

## ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

Firm	\$1.5 billion
Strategy Assets	\$305 million
Fund Assets	\$127 million

## FUND INFORMATION

Cash and Equivalents	2.4%
Market Capitalization (Wtd. Avg.)	\$11.7 B
Total Number of Stocks	80

## Ten Largest Holdings:

Equinix, Inc.	2.5%
A.O. Smith Corp.	2.2
Western Alliance Bancorp.	2.0
Middleby Corp.	2.0
NuVasive, Inc.	1.9
CoStar Group, Inc.	1.9
Pinnacle Foods, Inc.	1.8
Mohawk Industries, Inc.	1.7
Eagle Materials Inc.	1.7
Brixmor Property Group, Inc.	1.6

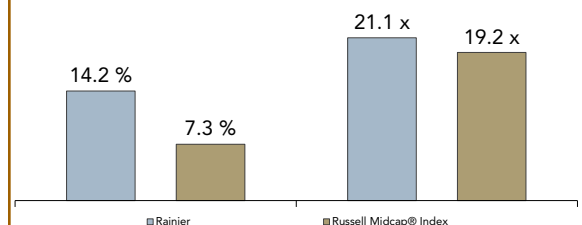
## SECTOR WEIGHTINGS

	Rainier	Russell Midcap®
Information Technology	17.8%	15.3%
Health Care	11.8	9.3
Consumer Discretionary	12.5	15.1
Consumer Staples	5.7	5.0
Energy	5.0	5.9
Materials	6.1	5.7
Industrials	16.5	13.8
Financials	14.2	13.2
Telecommunication Services	0.0	0.7
Utilities	3.2	6.2
Real Estate	7.2	10.0

## GROWTH/VALUATIONS

EPS Growth Rate

P/E Ratio



EPS growth is not a measure of the Fund's future performance.

## COMMENTARY

U.S. stocks extended their post-election rally in the first quarter of 2017, with the S&P 500 Index rising to 6.07%. However, style and sector leadership shifted. Traditional growth sectors including technology, health care and consumer discretionary led the equity market. Our growth-oriented Mid Cap Equity Fund, Institutional shares, posted a strong return in the first quarter at 5.89%, outperforming the Russell Midcap Index while slightly lagging the Russell Midcap Growth Index.

Benefiting from strong stock selection, technology was the best performing sector in the portfolio on a relative basis. The technology sector weighting in the portfolio increased during the quarter as we built our position in Marvell Technology Group, a designer of integrated circuits for communications markets. The Mid Cap portfolio remains overweight this sector due to attractive product cycles and strong relative earnings growth.

The consumer discretionary sector rebounded from a difficult year in 2016, contributing to the relative outperformance of the portfolio this quarter. The consumer discretionary sector weighting declined during the quarter as positions in apparel designers and retailers Carter's and PVH Corp. were sold. We believe the outlook for traditional consumer apparel and retail companies will remain challenged as e-commerce gains share and consumers continue to allocate more of their budgets to spending on health care and "experiences" such as travel and entertainment. The portfolio maintained an underweight position in consumer discretionary at the end of the period.

After a weak 2016, the portfolio's health care sector outperformed on both an absolute and relative basis, gaining over 12% in the first quarter of 2017. VCA Inc., an operator of animal hospitals and diagnostic labs, was acquired by Mars. The portfolio took profits in this long held position and deployed the proceeds into Insulet Corporation, a developer of insulin infusion systems, and Hologic, a developer of medical products and diagnostics focused on the women's health market.

Although we remain constructive on the market in 2017, we expect consolidation as details of the new administration's plans for tax reform and infrastructure spending emerge. Politics may prove more challenging for tax reform than the market is anticipating. For 2017, we will maintain our focus on companies with strong relative earnings growth and competitive positioning.

## FIRM NEWS AND INFORMATION

For more extensive commentary, insights and videos on our strategies, we invite you to visit our website [www.rainierfunds.com](http://www.rainierfunds.com).

## DISCLOSURES

**Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Growth stocks typically are more volatile than value stocks; however, value stocks have a lower expected growth rate in earnings and sales. Medium-capitalization companies tend to have limited liquidity and greater price volatility than large-capitalization companies. Investment in IPOs can be volatile and can fluctuate considerably. IPOs can have a magnified impact on funds with a small asset base. Investments in foreign securities involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods.**

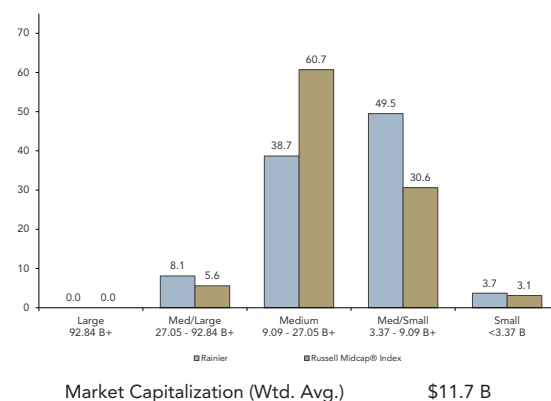
The Russell Midcap® Index is a subset of the Russell 1000® Index and includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell Midcap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500®) is an American stock market index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies having common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ. The S&P 500 index components and their weightings are determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices. Index vendor sources may vary, resulting in slight variations in the index returns that are displayed in performance reporting for the Rainier Funds. The Indices are not available for investment and do not incur charges or expenses.

Fund holdings and sector weightings are subject to change at any time due to ongoing portfolio management. References to specific investments should not be construed as a recommendation of the Fund or the Adviser to buy or sell securities and these investments do not represent all, and may represent a small percentage of, the Fund's holdings. There is no assurance that the securities purchased remain strategy investments or that securities sold have not been repurchased. **Current and future Fund holdings are subject to risk.**

Although the Fund is no-load, management and distribution fees do apply.

Market capitalization is the total dollar market value of all company's outstanding shares. The Price to Earnings (P/E) Ratio reflects the multiple of earnings at which a stock sells. Earnings per share (EPS) is total earnings divided by the number of shares outstanding. Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP) is an equity investment strategy that seeks to combine tenets of both growth investing and value investing to find individual stocks. **Earnings growth is the annual rate of growth of earnings from investments.**

## MARKET CAPITALIZATION



## GENERAL INFORMATION

	Original	Institutional
NAV (as of 3/31/2017)	\$38.10	\$39.93
Sales Load	None	None
Dividend	Annual	Annual
Assets (in Millions)	\$33.7	\$93.8
NASDAQ symbol	RIMMX	RAIMX
Initial Minimum Direct Inv.	\$2,500	\$100,000

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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