# ARGENT MID CAP

#### **SEPARATE ACCOUNT**



### September 30, 2021 | 3Q21

#### **INVESTING IN CHANGE**

Since 1998, Argent Capital Management has been helping institutional investors, investment advisors and high net worth individuals meet their investment goals. We are a boutique investment management firm specializing in U.S. equities. Our focus is on seeking opportunities where change is driving the potential for superior investment results over the long-term.

Firm AUM: \$3.2B

Argent Mid Cap AUM: \$139M

Argent Mid Cap Inception: 03/31/2014

### **Portfolio Manager**



Portfolio Manager

Kirk McDonald, CFA
19 Years Experience

# TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	Weight (%)
Zebra Technologies Corporation	4.3
Marvell Technology, Inc.	4.1
CDW Corporation	4.0
Cintas Corporation	3.8
Builders FirstSource, Inc.	3.5
Charles River Laboratories Int, Inc.	3.1
United Rentals, Inc.	3.1
Tempur Sealy International Inc.	2.9
NVR, Inc.	2.9
Fortinet, Inc.	2.8

Statistical Summary (Since Inception as of 9/30/21)	Argent Mid Cap	Russell MidCap
Beta	1.05	1.00
R-Squared	0.95	1.00
Standard Deviation	19.98%	18.54%
Up Capture	112.86%	

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

The Argent Mid Cap strategy was designed to give investors an opportunity to invest in stocks of the roughly 1,000 companies that are too large for a small cap strategy and not yet big enough for a large-cap portfolio. Argent applies its time-tested and disciplined investment process to identify companies that embrace Argent's Change-Based<sup>SM</sup> investment approach.

Argent Capital's Mid Cap Strategy consists of 35-50 companies that demonstrate characteristics consistent with our Change-Based  $^{\rm SM}$  investment approach. The goal of the Mid Cap strategy is to outperform the Russell MidCap  $^{\rm R}$  Index over the long term.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

	3Q21	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yr.*	5 Yr.*	S.I.**
Argent Capital - Net	2.33%	19.10%	39.90%	17.05%	18.13%	13.75%
Russell MidCap	-0.93%	15.17%	38.11%	14.22%	14.39%	11.77%

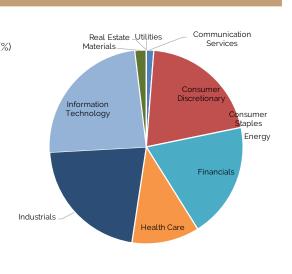
'Annualized; Based on a representative portfolio within the Argent Mid Cap Composite ''Since Inception, 03/31/2014, Annualized

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Argent Mid Cap	Russell MidCap
Number of Holdings	44	830
Weighted Avg Market Cap (MM)	\$27,470	\$23,261
Forecasted P/E	<b>21</b> .6x	48.6x
Price to Book Ratio	5.6x	4.4X
Price to Sales Ratio	2.7X	4.3X
Estimated Sales Growth (NTM)	8.7%	9.4%
Estimated EPS Growth (NTM)	13.5%	12.4%

#### **Sector Allocation**

	Weight (
Communication Services	1.24
Consumer Discretionary	20.45
Consumer Staples	0.00
Energy	0.00
Financials	19.23
Health Care	11.26
Industrials	21.65
Information Technology	23.86
Materials	1.91
Real Estate	0.00
Utilities	0.00
Cash	0.40



## **Argent Capital Management, LLC**

# ARGENT MID CAP COMPOSITE March 31, 2014 through September 30, 2021

For the period ending December 31,	Composite Return % Gross-of- Fees	Composite Return % Net-of-Fees	Russell Mid Cap Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr St. Dev (%)	Russell Mid Cap 3-Yr St. Dev (%)	Number of Composite Accounts	Composite Assets (\$ millions)	Principal Business Assets (\$ millions)	Internal Dispersion (%)
2020	21.24	20.97	17.10	23.36	21.82	45	102	2,874	0.84
2019	34.33	34.02	30.54	14.40	12.89	31	57	3,019	0.61
2018	-11.37	-11.58	-9.06	13.40	11.98	25	41	2,542	0.40
2017	25.55	25.22	18.52	11.24	10.36	19	27	2,898	0.27
2016	13.12	12.85	13.80	NA	NA	17	20	2,604	0.70
2015	-0.79	-0.94	-2.44	NA	NA	11	14	2,357	0.00
2014 (3-31-14 to 12-31-14)	9.98	9.98	9.36	NA	NA	1	1	2,817	NA
Three -Year Annualized	13.02	12.75	11.61						
Five -Year Annualized	15.44	15.16	13.40						_
Information for period(s) September 30, 2021									
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021	2.40	2.33	-0.93	23.16	21.98	64	140	3,235	
Rolling 1 – Year	40.23	39.90	38.11						-
Rolling 3 – Year	17.32	17.05	14.22						
Rolling 5 - Year	18.41	18.13	14.39						
Since Inception Annualized	13.98	13.75	11.77	]					

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- 3. The benchmark is the Russell Mid Cap® Index which measures the performance of the mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities in the Russell 1000 Index. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the Russell Index data contained or reflected in this material and all trademarks and copyrights related thereto. The presentation may contain confidential information and unauthorized use, disclosure, copying, dissemination or redistribution is strictly prohibited. This is a presentation of Argent. Russell Investment Group is not responsible for the formatting or configuration of this material or for any inaccuracy in Argent's presentation thereof.
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- 6. Standard annual advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management according to the following schedule; 1% on the first \$1M, .80% on the next \$2M, .65% on the balance thereafter, although fees may be negotiated or waived in certain circumstances. Non-fee paying accounts represent 100% of the composite during 2014, 11.0% (2015), 8.9% (2016), 10.1% (2017), 5.8% (2018, 2019) and 6% (2020).
- 7. Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of all portfolios that were included in the composite for an entire year, net of fees. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The external deviation is based on the 36 month gross-of-fees returns of the composite and the benchmark.

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