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## DIVIDEND OPPORTUNITIES FUND AT A GLANCE

**Managers:** Dolores Bamford, CFA

**Fund Objectives:** Seeks to provide dividend income and long-term capital appreciation. The Fund's secondary objective is dividend growth.

**About the Fund:** A U.S.-focused equity fund representing our "best ideas" approach to dividend-paying stocks.

**Benchmark:** Russell Midcap Value Index

**Previous Benchmark:** MSCI ACWI (net) Index

**Morningstar Category:** US Fund Mid-Cap Blend

**Lipper Category:** Equity Income

**Net Assets:** \$89.2 million

**Inception Date:** September 29, 2017

*Prior to 10/1/2019 the Fund's name was the Eventide Global Dividend Opportunities Fund.<sup>1</sup>*

## REVIEW

The Eventide Dividend Opportunities Fund (Class N) posted a total return of 11.40% for the third quarter of 2020, compared with the Russell Midcap Value Index of 6.40% and the MSCI ACWI (net) Index of 8.13%. The Fund (Class N) posted a total return of 13.52% for the 12 months ending 9/30/2020 compared to the Russell Midcap Value Index of -7.30% and the MSCI ACWI (net) Index of 10.44%. The Fund for the 12 months ending 9/30/20 outperformed the Russell Midcap Value benchmark by 20.82%. The Fund in 3Q2020 outperformed the Russell Midcap Value benchmark by 5.00% and remained ahead of the benchmark for 9 months ending 9/30/2020 from a continued overweight positioning in secular growth themes and in companies that we believe are well positioned in the post COVID-19 economy. Strong outperformance in 3Q2020 came from the Fund's renewable energy investments, clean energy financing, consumer companies benefiting from stay at home trends, technology infrastructure REITs, and life science tools and equipment. Positive performance in 3Q2020 was offset by the Funds' weaker performance in more cyclical sectors and in communications equipment and IT services.

## CONTRIBUTORS

In the third quarter of 2020, the largest positive contributors to performance were Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure, DR Horton Inc, Trane Technologies, NextEra Energy Partners LP, and Brookfield Renewable Partners LP. Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infrastructure benefitted from strong growth and returns from clean energy and energy efficiency financing projects. D.R. Horton benefitted from strong demand for and limited supply of new, affordable, readily-available homes outside urban centers. Trane's climate control businesses rebounded and there was increased interest in its indoor air quality solutions. NextEra Energy Partners benefitted from market recognition of industry leading growth in its renewables energy projects and backlog. Brookfield Renewable Partners outperformed from strong positioning in renewable energy globally and the creation of a C-corp security for US investors.

Top Five Contributors <sup>2</sup> (%)						Q3 2020
Company	Ticker	Sector	Average Weight	Contribution to Return	Total Return <sup>3</sup>	
Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Infra	HASI	Financials	4.17	1.75	50.31	
DR Horton Inc	DHI	Consumer Discret.	3.33	1.10	36.74	
Trane Technologies	TT	Industrials	3.08	1.01	36.88	
NextEra Energy Partners LP	NEP	Utilities	4.08	0.75	18.01	
Brookfield Renewable Partners LP	BEPC	Utilities	1.34	0.66	37.86	

## DETRACTORS

In the third quarter of 2020, the largest negative detractors to performance were First Horizon National Corp, Ciena Corp, Neurocrine Biosciences Inc, TCF Financial Corp, and Jack Henry & Associates Inc. First Horizon National was down with most banks due to uncertainty about credit quality, loan growth prospects and net interest margin pressure in a COVID-19 environment. Ciena was down as a result of shifting customer priorities from weak enterprise spending as well as continued COVID-19 shutdowns delaying new project deployments. Neurocrine's sub-par performance is due to commercial headwinds the company has been facing and is quite typical of performance of biotech companies in the early stages of commercialization. TCF Financial was down with most banks due to uncertainty about credit quality, loan growth prospects and net interest margin pressure in a COVID-19 environment. Jack Henry's revenues were below expectations as bank customers slowed their orders due to COVID-19.

Top Five Detractors <sup>2</sup> (%)						Q3 2020
Company	Ticker	Sector	Average Weight	Contribution to Return	Total Return <sup>3</sup>	
First Horizon National Corp	FHN	Financials	1.05	-0.14	-3.77	
Ciena Corp	CIEN	Technology	0.03	-0.16	-29.95	
Neurocrine Biosciences Inc	NBIX	Healthcare	0.75	-0.19	-21.18	
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	Financials	1.13	-0.25	-18.33	
Jack Henry & Associates Inc	JKHY	Technology	2.62	-0.34	-11.41	

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MACRO COMMENTARY AND OUTLOOK

U.S. stock markets posted a sharp recovery in 2Q and 3Q 2020 from depressed levels in 1Q driven by multiple positive developments in response to the spread of COVID-19 and its negative effects on life, health, society, economic activity and employment. The positive developments included the U.S. government delivering significant fiscal stimulus to families and businesses and the Federal Reserve acting swiftly to support the financial markets. State and local efforts to curb the spread of the virus also started to have positive results in lowering the pace of infections and death rates from the virus. Many states, consequently, across the country started reopening for business starting in April through June. Furthermore, the market responded positively to news regarding promising initial results for new vaccines, treatments, and therapies for COVID-19, hopefully effective in the next 12 months. The trajectory of continued economic improvement is promising for the rest of the year but not without risks of setbacks from new waves of outbreaks. We remain hopeful that the U.S. and the world will find ways to overcome COVID-19. Even in these challenging times, for the Eventide Dividend Opportunities Fund, we continue to see many opportunities for investing in companies that we believe achieve attractive long-term capital appreciation, income for our clients, and positive impact on the world and wellbeing.

Trailing Returns <sup>4</sup> (%)				30 Sep 2020
<i>Eventide Dividend Opportunities Fund</i>	YTD	1-year	3-year <sup>5</sup>	Since Inception <sup>5</sup>
Class N	9.49	13.52	8.37	8.36
Class A without load	9.45	13.47	8.28	8.28
Class A with 5.75% load <sup>6</sup>	3.16	6.93	6.17	6.16
Class C	8.86	12.55	7.52	7.52
Class I	9.64	13.72	8.58	8.57
<i>Benchmark</i>				
Russell Midcap Value Index <sup>1</sup>	-12.84	-7.30	0.82	0.82
<i>Previous Benchmark</i>				
MSCI ACWI (net) Index <sup>1</sup>	1.37	10.44	7.12	7.11

**Performance is historical and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with changing market conditions so that when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. Investors cannot directly invest in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. The volatility of an index may be materially different than that of the Fund, and investors should not expect the Fund to achieve the same results as a listed index. Performance data current to the most recent month-end may be obtained by calling 1-877-771-EVEN (3836).**

*Eventide Dividend Opportunities Fund expenses: Class A, Gross Expenses 2.05%, Net Expenses 1.20%; Class C, Gross Expenses 2.80%, Net Expenses 1.95%; Class I, Gross Expenses 1.80%, Net Expenses 0.95%; Class N, Gross Expenses 2.00%, Net Expenses 1.15%. The adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses of the Fund through 10/31/2021. The agreement may only be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees on 60 days' written notice.*

- 1. Prior to 10/1/2019 the Fund's Name was the Eventide Global Dividend Opportunities Fund. On 11/1/2019 the Fund's primary benchmark to compare its performance was changed from the MSCI ACWI (net) Index to the Russell Midcap Value Index because the Fund's Adviser believes it is more reflective of the Fund's portfolio. The Russell Midcap Value Index measures the performance of the U.S. equity mid-cap value segment. The Fund's previous benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets and consists of 46 country indices comprising 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indices.*
- 2. Source: Bloomberg PORT Attribution Report. Allocation percentages are subject to change at any time, and should not be considered investment advice.*
- 3. The total return percentage listed is impacted by the Fund's transactions and transacted price levels of the holding during the quarter.*
- 4. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption of fund shares. Because of ongoing market volatility, fund performance may be subject to substantial short-term changes.*
- 5. Performance figures for periods greater than 1 year are annualized. Annualized since inception figures use an inception date of 9/29/2017.*
- 6. In the case of investments at or above the \$1 million breakpoint (where you do not pay an initial sales charge), a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") may be assessed on shares redeemed within eighteen months of purchase. The CDSC for these Class A shares is based on the NAV at the time of purchase. The holding period for the CDSC begins on the day you buy your shares. Some intermediaries may waive or discount the CDSC under certain circumstances.*

*The opinions expressed herein are those of the Fund's portfolio management team as of 9/30/2020 and are subject to change. There is no guarantee that such views are correct or that the outlook opinions will come to pass. Specific companies mentioned are for performance attribution informational purposes only and should not be construed as buy or sell advice. Reliance upon the views expressed herein is at the sole discretion of the reader.*

**Mutual funds involve risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results.** *The Fund's ethical values screening criteria could cause it to under-perform similar funds that do not have such screening criteria. The Fund can have risk related to option investing. Companies in the Utilities sector are subject to interest rate risk and cash flow risk. Companies in the technology industries have different risks including but not limited to products becoming obsolete, and entrance of competing products. Companies in the Industrial Sector carry various risks including, but not limited to, risk related to debt loads, intense competition, and sensitivity to economic cycles. There are unique risks associated with convertible securities, emerging markets, foreign securities, MLPs, preferred stocks, REITs, small cap stocks, securities, and yieldcos that are covered in the Fund's prospectus and SAI.*

**Investors should consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing or sending money. This and other important information can be found in the prospectus, which can be obtained at <https://www.eventidefunds.com/prospectus> or by calling 1-877-771-EVEN (3836). Please read the prospectus carefully before investing. Eventide Mutual Funds are distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, Member FINRA/SIPC, which is not affiliated with Eventide Asset Management, LLC.**