

## 2019 Q1 Clarkston Founders Fund Commentary

### Fund Performance Summary

Performance as of 3/31/2019 (annualized for periods over one year)						
	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception*
Clarkston Founders Fund						
<i>Institutional Class</i>	10.82%	10.82%	2.52%	N/A	N/A	6.09%
Russell Midcap* Index	16.54%	16.54%	6.47%	N/A	N/A	9.90%

Source: ALPS

As identified in the current Fund prospectus, the gross expense ratio was 1.26% and the net expense ratio was 0.95%. Clarkston Capital Partners has limited certain expenses of the Fund since inception and has contractually agreed to limit certain expenses of the Fund through at least January 31, 2020. The Fund's total returns would have been lower if Clarkston Capital Partners had not limited expenses during those periods.

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance data may be higher or lower than actual data quoted. For the most current month-end performance data please call 1.844.680.6562. Performance less than 1 year is cumulative.

\* Inception: 1/31/2017

### Market Overview and Fund Attribution

We have exercised extreme patience in making investments for the Founders Fund's portfolio, and our strict adherence to our "quality value" investment philosophy has resulted in cash allocations reaching approximately thirty percent in the Fund. We reiterate this is not a market call; rather our inability to find quality businesses at what we consider to be attractive valuations.

The equity markets were volatile last year, especially in the fourth quarter. We took advantage of lower prices when we saw attractive valuations, and we deployed about a net ten percentage points of cash in the Founders Fund. This positively contributed to performance during the quarter ended March 31, 2019, as share prices marched steadily higher. As we enter April, prices are higher and we are once again facing the difficulty of identifying attractive opportunities based on valuations. Patience is back in vogue at Clarkston Capital.

Even as we wait for opportunities that meet our valuation criteria to put the Fund's cash to work, we have been diligent in our examination of businesses. Our recent research projects have focused on capital allocation, particularly as it relates to maturing companies; those with moderating end market growth. While some investors shy away from slowing growth, we tend to celebrate these businesses; especially in those cases where companies age with grace.

Sector Attribution Q1 2019	Clarkston Founders Fund			Russell Midcap* Index			Variation			Attribution Effect		
	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib. to Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib. to Return	Avg. Wgt. Difference	Total Ret. Difference	Contrib. Difference	Allocation	Selection	Total Effect
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>11.21%</b>	<b>11.21%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>16.54%</b>	<b>16.54%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>-5.33%</b>	<b>-5.33%</b>	<b>-4.27%</b>	<b>-1.06%</b>	<b>-5.33%</b>
Financial Services	32.36%	9.66%	3.24%	26.25%	15.85%	4.21%	6.11%	-6.19%	-0.97%	-0.03%	-1.92%	-1.95%
Producer Durables	16.95%	31.32%	4.79%	12.70%	18.80%	2.33%	4.25%	12.51%	2.47%	0.08%	1.71%	1.79%
Consumer Staples	8.78%	7.29%	0.68%	4.09%	8.29%	0.35%	4.69%	-1.01%	0.33%	-0.41%	-0.08%	-0.49%
Consumer Discretionary	6.57%	7.04%	0.57%	14.56%	15.27%	2.27%	-7.99%	-8.23%	-1.70%	0.07%	-0.45%	-0.39%
Technology	4.94%	19.23%	0.90%	15.09%	21.77%	3.12%	-10.16%	-2.53%	-2.21%	-0.48%	-0.15%	-0.63%
Health Care	4.05%	7.37%	0.41%	9.60%	16.95%	1.63%	-5.55%	-9.58%	-1.22%	-0.05%	-0.31%	-0.36%
Materials & Processing	2.13%	23.87%	0.48%	6.31%	15.03%	0.96%	-4.18%	8.84%	-0.48%	0.04%	0.15%	0.18%
Utilities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.83%	10.69%	0.72%	-6.83%	-10.69%	-0.72%	0.40%	0.00%	0.40%
Energy	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.28%	20.60%	0.91%	-4.28%	-20.60%	-0.91%	-0.19%	0.00%	-0.19%
Cash	24.22%	0.58%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	24.22%	0.58%	0.14%	-3.69%	0.00%	-3.69%

Fund attribution based on security returns and does not reflect deductions for fees and expenses. Source: FactSet

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The primary challenge for maturing businesses is management acceptance that they are no longer growth companies. The executive skills that were required to grow the businesses are no longer as valuable to a mature, slow-growth business, especially as it relates to capital allocation. In a growing business, internal investment opportunities are more abundant, and the risk of failure is often warranted given the potential returns. Because there are fewer growth opportunities

Top/Bottom 5 Contributors to Performance Q1 2019				
	Contribution	Total Return	Avg. Wgt.	
Top 5	Stericycle, Inc.	2.91%	48.32%	7.09%
	Willis Towers Watson PLC	0.91%	16.10%	5.88%
	CDK Global, Inc.	0.64%	23.17%	3.00%
	Waters Corporation	0.59%	33.43%	2.00%
	Western Union Company	0.59%	9.46%	6.07%
Bottom 5	C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.	0.12%	4.02%	2.60%
	Charles Schwab Corporation	0.12%	3.34%	2.28%
	DENTSPLY SIRONA, Inc.	0.09%	6.72%	0.10%
	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	0.08%	7.38%	0.97%
	Markel Corp.	-0.06%	-4.03%	1.51%

Source: FactSet

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for mature businesses, management must allocate capital elsewhere. Internal investments may transition from growth projects to projects focused on strengthening competitive advantages, growing margins, and/or reducing the cash cycle (the time it takes to turn raw materials into cash). Shareholders of mature companies may benefit from capital returns via dividends and share repurchases. Some companies may even benefit from shrinking the business via divestitures or paying down debt.

There are several mature businesses in the Founders Fund's portfolio, including Stericycle Inc. (SRCL) and Molson Coors Brewing Company (TAP). Both of these companies have dominant share in their core markets and are facing slowing growth. Over the past several months, we have spent considerable time analyzing these companies and, overall, we are encouraged by the progress these businesses have made and how they have dealt with capital allocation decisions during their aging processes.

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Risks: As with any mutual fund, there are risks to investing. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective. The Fund is non-diversified, which means that it may invest a significant portion of its assets in a relatively small number of issuers and could experience greater price volatility. The Fund will invest in equity securities. Equity securities (which generally include common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants, securities convertible into common or preferred stocks and similar securities) are generally volatile and more risky than some other forms of investment. The securities of mid-cap companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements and will generally experience greater price volatility. Cash does not fluctuate with the market like stocks, and potentially bonds, but cash is subject to inflation risk. It is possible to lose money on an investment in the Fund. Investments in the Fund are not deposits or obligations of any bank, are not endorsed or guaranteed by any bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency. The Fund has limited operating history.

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. medium-capitalization companies. The Fund primarily invests in companies with market capitalizations within the range of companies included in the Russell Midcap® Index at the time of initial purchase.

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Sector weights and performance are calculated using Russell Global Sectors.

Top ten holdings of the Fund as of March 31, 2019 were: Stericycle, Inc. (8.03%), The Western Union Co. (6.11%), Willis Towers Watson PLC (5.82%), Brown & Brown, Inc. (4.88%), Nielsen Holdings PLC (4.18%), Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (3.99%), Legg Mason, Inc. (3.81%), Sysco Corp. (3.50%), CDK Global, Inc. (3.03%), and McKesson Corp. (2.91%). References to Fund holdings are not recommendations to buy, hold or sell any securities and portfolio holdings are subject to change. The top ten holdings represent the ten largest equity holdings by weight in the Fund. The top ten holdings and contributors and detractors depict equity holdings only and do not display cash. To obtain the performance calculation methodology for the contributors and detractors to performance and documentation showing every Fund portfolio holding's contribution to the overall Fund performance during the quarter, please call 248-723-8000.

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