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Mid Cap Value

# **Franklin Regional Retirement System**

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## Investment Performance - Mid Cap Value

#### September 2024

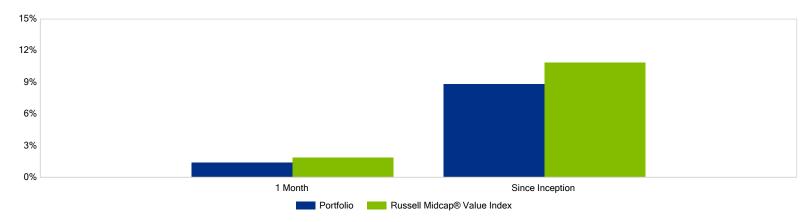
Asset Allocation (USD)		
	Market Value	% of Portfolio
Equity	9,609,283	97.2%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	275,071	2.8%
Accrued Income	9,008	
Total	9,893,362	100.0%

#### Annualized Performance (%)

		Since
	1 Month	Inception
Total Portfolio - Gross of Fees	1.39	8.78
Total Portfolio - Net of Fees	1.34	8.63
Russell Midcap® Value Index	1.88	10.81

Statement of Changes (USD)	
Market Value on 09/01/2024	9,757,957
Net Cash Flows	(3)
Earned Income	19,986
Market Appreciation	115,421
Market Value on 09/30/2024	9,893,362

Performance Inception Date: 07/09/2024



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# Performance Commentary - Mid Cap Value

September 2024

Five Largest Contributors		Five Largest Detractors					
Security Name	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)	Sector	Security Name	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)	Sector
Alaska Air Group Inc	25.20	0.11	Industrials	Ally Financial Inc	(17.60)	(0.16)	Financials
Zebra Technologies Corp	7.22	0.11	Information Technology	ICON Public Limited Company	(10.79)	(0.14)	Health Care
Ameriprise Financial Inc	4.53	0.09	Financials	Weatherford International Plc	(19.08)	(0.14)	Energy
CenterPoint Energy Inc	7.77	0.09	Utilities	Chord Energy Corp	(12.26)	(0.10)	Energy
eBay Inc	10.17	0.09	Consumer Discretionary	Diamondback Energy Inc	(11.64)	(0.10)	Energy

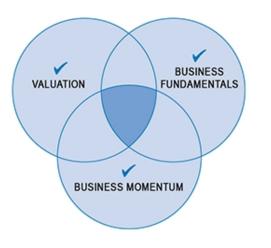
- Stocks rallied in the three months ending September 30 against a favorable backdrop of moderate economic growth, declining inflation, and a halfpercentage-point interest rate cut by the U.S. Federal Reserve. Broad indexes posted new highs and have seen double-digit gains so far. While most sectors participated in this quarter's rally, investor sentiment shifted away from the second quarter's mega-cap growth names in favor of smaller companies with more attractive valuations.
- The Mid Cap Value strategy delivered solid results during the quarter but trailed its benchmark. Stock selection in the Information Technology and Consumer Staples sectors helped drive relative returns on balance, while our holdings in Energy, Utilities, and Real Estate generally held back performance versus the benchmark.
- Top individual contributors included Howmet Aerospace, Masco Corporation, and Parker-Hannifin. Aerospace supplier Howmet reported a beat and raise second quarter with strength in its commercial aerospace and defense segments. The company raised its stock buyback program by \$2 billion. Masco, a leading plumbing and paint manufacturer, benefitted from lower rates and higher existing home sales. Margins have structurally improved over the past five years, which should lead to a higher valuation. Parker-Hannifin, a diversified machinery and aerospace company, continued to exceed expectations with strong aerospace aftermarket sales despite weaker industrial markets. Margins should continue to expand in 2025.
- Top detractors included Weatherford International, LPL Financial, and Atkore. Weatherford International provides equipment and services to the oil and natural gas exploration and production industry. The most recent quarter's earnings and revenues were slightly below analysts' expectations. International services growth was strong, but revenues from North America declined year-over-year. Financial advisor platform company LPL reported earnings that exceeded expectations, yet investors became concerned about the below money market rates the company offers on its cash sweep accounts. With the Fed beginning to cut short-term rates, this worry will likely fade over time. Atkore is a leading manufacturer of electrical products. The company missed on earnings and lowered guidance as construction activity did not pick up, and the company faced revenue and margin pressure from imports of steel conduit from Mexico.
- At period end, our top overweight sectors were Industrials and Consumer Discretionary. Our largest underweights versus the index were in Health Care, Consumer Staples, and Utilities. We look forward to providing future updates in the months ahead.

## Portfolio Characteristics - Mid Cap Value

A proof statement that the stock selection process results in a 'three-circle' portfolio

#### "Three Circles"

An attractive valuation, strong business fundamentals, and positive business momentum. In our experience, porfolios with all three characteristics tend to outperform over time.



	Valua		<b>Fu</b>	ndament	als
	Portfolio	Russell Midcap® Value		Portfolio	Russell Midcap® Value
P/E (FY0)	17.2x	17.4x	OROA (5 Yr)	40.1%	27.4%
P/E (FY1)	15.2x	15.7x	ROE (5 Yr)	16.2%	
CF Yield	3.4%	2.9%	LT EPS Gr. R	t. <b>9.4</b> %	10.7%
			Business Momentum	1	
			Portfol	lio	
			ent of companies		

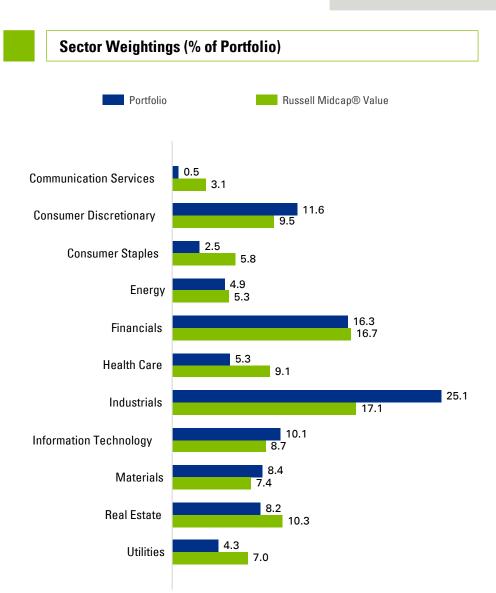
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## Portfolio Positioning - Mid Cap Value

#### Our assessment of where the opportunities exist

Largest Holdings (%)	
Ameriprise Financial Inc	2.0
Howmet Aerospace Inc	1.6
AutoZone Inc	1.6
Zebra Technologies Corp	1.5
Fifth Third Bancorp	1.4
Norfolk Southern Corp	1.4
Check Point Software Technolog	1.4
Cencora Inc	1.4
Textron Inc	1.4
Masco Corp	1.3
Total	15.0

Portfolio Statistics			
	Portfolio	Russell Midcap® Value	
Number of Securities	142	714	
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap (\$M)	\$24,679	\$25,098	
Dividend Yield	1.6%	1.9%	
Turnover (Trailing 1 Year)	-	-	



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## Portfolio Holdings - Mid Cap Value

Position changes over time: September 2024

Key: ◆ = New Holding | ↑ = Increased Position  $\Downarrow$  = Decreased Position  $\square \varnothing$  = Liquidated | Unchanged

Communication Services	0.5
Take-Two Interactive Software Inc	0.5
Consumer Discretionary	
AutoZone Inc	1.6
Boyd Gaming Corp	0.5
Churchill Downs Inc	0.6
Darden Restaurants Inc	0.3
eBay Inc	0.9
Expedia Inc	0.5
Frontdoor Inc	0.7
Garmin Ltd	0.4
Gentex Corp	0.6
H&R Block Inc	0.6
Harley-Davidson Inc	0.6
Lear Corp	0.3
Lennar Corp	0.5
NVR Inc	0.9
Ralph Lauren Corp	0.6
Ross Stores Inc	0.7
Tempur Sealy International Inc	0.8
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts Inc	0.7
Consumer Staples	
✤ US Foods Holding Corp	0.5
Coca-Cola European Partners Plc	0.7
Constellation Brands Inc	0.9
Lamb Weston Holdings Inc	0.6
Energy	
Chord Energy Corp	0.7
Diamondback Energy Inc	0.8
EQT Corp	0.7
Halliburton Co	0.7
Phillips 66	0.5
Range Resources Corp	0.7

Energy (cont)	
Tidewater Inc	0.3
Weatherford International Plc	0.6
Enlink Midstream Llc	0.0
Financials	16.3
↓ Ally Financial Inc	0.4
Affiliated Managers Group Inc	0.5
Ameriprise Financial Inc	2.0
Aon Plc Cl A	0.5
Ares Management Corp	0.4
Carlyle Group Inc/the	0.9
Discover Financial Services Inc	0.4
East West Bancorp Inc	0.4
Evercore Inc	1.0
Everest Group Ltd	0.7
Fidelity Natl Information Svcs Inc	0.5
Fifth Third Bancorp	1.4
First American Financial Corp	0.6
Huntington Bancshares Inc	1.2
LPL Financial Holdings Inc	1.1
Markel Group Inc	0.8
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd	0.4
Rocket Cos Inc	0.6
SLM Corp	0.5
Synchrony Financial	0.8
Travelers Cos Inc	0.6
Voya Financial Inc	0.6
Health Care	5.3
↓ Cencora Inc	1.4
✤ ICON Public Limited Company	1.0
Avantor Inc	0.7
Centene Corp	0.5
Molina Healthcare Inc	1.3

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Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc	0.5
ndustrials	25.1
<ul> <li>Amentum Holdings Inc</li> </ul>	0.0
<ul> <li>Ufp Industries Inc</li> </ul>	0.1
↑ Watts Water Technologies Inc	0.4
Advanced Drainage Systems Inc	0.6
Alaska Air Group Inc	0.5
Allegion Plc	1.0
AMETEK Inc	1.3
Atkore Inc	0.2
Beacon Roofing Supply Inc	0.6
Builders FirstSource Inc	0.4
BWX Technologies Inc	0.4
Curtiss-Wright Corp	0.9
Dover Corp	1.0
Equifax Inc	0.7
Expeditors Intl of Washington	0.9
Ferguson Enterprises Inc	0.6
Fortive Corp	0.8
Generac Holdings Inc	0.7
Howmet Aerospace Inc	1.6
ITT Inc	0.4
Jacobs Solutions Inc	0.5
L3Harris Technologies Inc	0.7
Landstar Systems Inc	0.7
Leidos Holdings Inc	0.6
Masco Corp	1.3
Masterbrand Inc	0.2
Msc Industrial Direct Co Inc	0.4
Norfolk Southern Corp	1.4
nVent Electric Plc	0.4
Otis Worldwide Corp	0.4
Parker-Hannifin Corp	1.1

Industrials (cont) Rb Global Inc	0
	0.
Resideo Technologies Inc	0.
Robert Half International Inc	0.
Science Applications Intl Corp	0.
Sensata Technologies Holding	0.
Textron Inc	1.
Information Technology	10.
Arrow Electronics Inc	0.
ASGN Inc	0.
CDW Corp	0.
Check Point Software Technolog	1.
Cognizant Technology Solutions	0.
Dell Technologies Inc	0.
Flex Ltd	1.
Gen Digital Inc	0.
InterDigital Inc	0.
Keysight Technologies Inc	0.
Microchip Technology Inc	0.
NetApp Inc	0.
TE Connectivity Ltd	0.
Teradyne Inc	0.
Zebra Technologies Corp	1.
Materials	8.4
Avery Dennison Corp	0.
Ball Corp	1.
CF Industries Holdings Inc	0.
Commercial Metals Co	0.
Corteva Inc	0.
DuPont de Nemours Inc	0.
Freeport-McMoRan Inc	0.
Mosaic Co	0.
Olin Corp	0.

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Materials (cont)	
Packaging Corporation of America	1.0
PPG Industries Inc	0.5
Reliance Inc	0.6
Teck Resources Ltd	0.4
Real Estate	
Eastgroup Properties Inc	0.5
Equity Lifestyle Properties In	0.6
Equity Residential	0.6
Essex Property Trust Inc	0.5
Extra Space Storage Inc	0.8
Invitation Homes Inc	0.4
Lamar Advertising Co	0.9
Regency Centers Corp	0.8
Rexford Industrial Realty Inc	0.5
Simon Property Group Inc	1.2
Vici Properties Inc	0.8
Weyerhaeuser Co	0.7
Utilities	
American Electric Power Co Inc	0.5
CenterPoint Energy Inc	1.2
DTE Energy Co	0.9
Entergy Corp	0.7
	0.5
FirstEnergy Corp	0.5

# Disclosures - Mid Cap Value

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