

# Sentinel Growth Leaders Fund

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## Manager Insights

Equity markets continued to rebound in the fourth quarter with price/earnings ratios continuing to expand, especially for low-quality stocks. The Growth Leaders Fund gained 7.01%\* while the Russell 1000 Growth Index<sup>1</sup> increased 7.94% and the S&P 500 Index<sup>2</sup> rose 6.04%.

For calendar 2009, Growth Leaders rose 25.24% while the Russell 1000 Growth Index increased 37.21% and the S&P 500 Index increased 26.46%. Risk aversion early in 2009 swung to exuberant risk tolerance in March so that low-quality stocks outperformed high-quality stocks on P/E expansion for the rest of the year. Going forward, we expect that stocks will move more in line with anticipated future earnings growth, which is our investment focus, and on which, we believe that equity valuations are based over the long term.

During the fourth quarter, the strongest performing sectors for the Growth Leaders portfolio were Materials, Information Technology, Energy, and Consumer staples. Stocks in the Growth Leaders portfolio that added most to performance included Visa, Peabody Energy, BHP Billiton, Smucker and Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold. Financials underperformed. Underperforming stocks in the portfolio included Northern Trust, Gilead and JP Morgan.

Our focus has evolved to being more on global growth than on just domestic growth in the United States. We believe that investors can participate in global growth by investing in U.S. companies which are increasingly global and many of which are in our investment portfolio. Many U.S. companies already derive more than 50% of their sales internationally, including an increasing amount from emerging markets. We expect international exposure to increase as a percentage of total sales and earnings going forward as companies seek to penetrate new, untapped markets and enhance their own growth.

We look for global growth to exceed 4% in 2010 while we look for the United States to grow some 3%. Expected growth for specific countries is 10% for China, 7%+ for India and 5%+ for Brazil. Emerging countries now account for approximately 30% of global GDP.

Urbanization, industrialization, demand for a higher living standard and positive capital flows should spur economic growth in emerging markets. Future demand for energy and basic materials and the pricing thereof will be largely driven by these economies. Generally, capital will move toward markets with greater growth opportunities, pro-growth policies, lower taxes, and potentially, higher risk-adjusted investment returns.

In the United States, the domestic economy should improve as inventories are rebuilt and as deferred demand is met for replacing cars and computers and buying homes. Computer and communication innovation and upgrade cycles are also unfolding both domestically and internationally. On the other hand, a weak dollar will lead to higher prices for imports, such as oil, on which our transportation systems depend, and which will impede discretionary spending. Unprecedented government deficits are likely to lead to higher interest rates.

A synchronized global recovery in 2010 and 2011 should be favorable to equities and attract at least some of the trillions of dollars parked on the sidelines in low-yielding cash equivalents. Companies have reduced expenses aggressively during the economic downturn, and as economic conditions improve, operating margins and profits should expand, especially on increasing sales expansion.

We continue to focus on companies with diversified product lines and geographic exposure, financial strength and access to the capital markets.

## Important Disclosure

Large company stocks as a group could fall out of favor with the market and underperform investments that focus on small and mid-sized company stocks.

The following are total annual operating expense ratios for Sentinel Growth Leaders Fund Class A, C, & I shares; A – 1.64%, C – 3.10%, I – 2.34%. All expense ratio data is sourced from the Prospectus dated 3/31/09.

\* Performance for Class A shares only at net asset value. Performance data shown does not include the effects of any sales charge. If it did, returns would be lower.

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## Top 10 Holdings (% of the total net assets as of December 31, 2009)

Company	Industry	% of Fund
Visa, Inc.	IT Services	4.4%
J.M. Smucker Co.	Food Products	4.3
BHP Billiton Ltd. (ADS)	Metals & Mining	4.3
Peabody Energy Corp.	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	4.2
McDonald's Corp.	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	4.2
Roche Holding AG	Pharmaceuticals	4.2
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	Household Products	4.1
International Business Machines Corp.	Computers & Peripherals	4.1
Praxair, Inc.	Chemicals	3.8
Home Depot, Inc.	Specialty Retail	3.8
<b>Total</b>		<b>41.4%</b>

## Average Annual Total Returns (as of December 31, 2009)

	Class A shares		Class C shares <sup>1</sup>		Class I shares <sup>2</sup>	Russell 1000 Growth Index <sup>3</sup>	S&P 500 Index <sup>4</sup>
	Without Sales Charge	With Max Sales Charge	Without Sales Charge	With Max Sales Charge	Without Sales Charge		
Year-to-date	25.24%	19.03%	23.75%	22.75%	25.41%	37.21%	26.46%
1 year	25.24	19.03	23.75	22.75	25.41	37.21	26.46
3 years	-0.04	-1.75	-1.78	-1.78	-0.96	-1.89	-5.63
5 years	2.49	1.44	0.98	0.98	1.93	1.63	0.42
10 years	-0.61	-1.12	-1.89	-1.89	-0.89	-3.99	-0.95
Since inception	1.15	0.63	-0.15	-0.15	0.87	-2.48	-0.18
Performance inception dates	10/31/99					10/31/99	10/31/99

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The Growth Leaders Fund which began operations on 3/17/06 is the successor to the Bramwell Focus Fund, a series of The Bramwell Funds, Inc., which began operations on 10/31/99. Performance for Class A & C shares prior to their 3/17/06 inception is based on the performance of their predecessor, inception date as shown, which was offered without a sales load. Performance for Class A shares has been restated to reflect the maximum sales load of Class A shares. Performance prior to March 17, 2006 does not reflect the higher 12b-1 fees for Class A in effect on and after March 17, 2006. If it did, returns would be lower. Performance for Class C shares has been adjusted for the higher estimated expenses of those shares. Performance of the Class I shares prior to 3/17/06 is based on the adjusted performance of the Bramwell Focus Fund which had different expenses but substantially similar investment risks. Performance for Class I shares from 3/17/06 to 8/27/07 is based on the adjusted performance of the Fund's Class A shares.

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