

## **3Q17 Quarterly Commentary**

## Portfolio Review:

The Mundoval Fund returned 6.43% in the third quarter versus 4.84% for MSCI World Index during the same period. Since inception date on September 3, 2004, the average annualized net rate of return for the Mundoval Fund has been 6.69% versus 7.26% for the MSCI World Index.

Positive factors impacting performance for the Fund during the quarter included the Information Technology (Mastercard and Baidu) and Financials Sectors (BNP Paribas and Banco do Brasil). Negative factors that impacted performance during the quarter included the Healthcare (Teva Pharmaceuticals & Allergan) and Consumer Discretionary Sectors (Viacom and Discovery Communications).

During the quarter shares of Enel Americas S.A. and Lukoil Oil Co. were sold in order to provide liquidity to purchase shares of Walt Disney Company and Nike, Inc. The geographic diversification of the Fund as of September 30, 2017 consisted of 46.30% Domestic stocks, 45.78% International stocks and 7.92% cash equivalents. The Fund owned shares of common stock in 37 companies as of September 30, 2017.

## **Manager Commentary:**

Despite escalating political tensions with North Korea, a series of devastating storms in Texas and Florida, and the Federal Reserve's announcement that it would maintain a steady pace of interest rate increases, stock markets around the world continued to climb in the third quarter. Emerging market stocks, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets index are on pace for their best year of performance since 2009, with year to date rate return greater than 25%. The Mundoval Fund benefitted from the rise in Brazilian stocks as Banco do Brasil and Petrobras provided rates of return consistent with that of the Brazilian stock index during the third quarter.

After shares of bank stocks tumbled in late August and early September in response to lower interest rates, the trend reversed course by the end of the quarter. The Trump administration's proposed tax overhaul plan at the end of the quarter propelled bank stocks higher due to perceived economic growth from tax reform and potential increases in business merger activity. Shares of BNP Paribas and Citigroup returned 11% and 9% respectively during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for the Mundoval Fund.

The price of a barrel of crude oil increased by 12% to more than \$50 during the quarter due to reports of lower number of rigs drilling oil wells in the U.S. and OPEC's compliance with its production cuts. Shares of energy stocks, Petrobras and Valero Energy, increased 25% and 15% respectively during the quarter.

The technology sector continues to be the best performing industry year to date, with a rate of return greater than 25%. Shares of Alphabet (a.k.a. Google), Apple, Baidu and Mastercard have been positive contributors to the performance of the Mundoval Fund year to date.

Thank you for your business & continued support. Arthur Q. Johnson, Portfolio Manager

## Average Annualized Total Returns as of September 30, 2017

	3Q 2017 (Non- Annualized)	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10 Year	Since Inception (9/3/04)
Mundoval Fund	6.43%	20.32%	3.32%	9.37%	8.62%	3.89%	6.69%
MSCI World Index	4.84%	18.17%	7.68%	10.99%	10.08%	4.21%	7.26%

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