

## **4Q17 Quarterly Commentary**

## Portfolio Review:

The Mundoval Fund returned 3.59% in the fourth quarter versus 5.51% for the MSCI World Index during the same period. Since inception date of the fund on September 3, 2004, the average annualized rate of return for the Mundoval Fund has been 6.84% versus 7.55% for the MSCI World Index.

Positive factors impacting performance for the Fund during the quarter included the Health Care Sector (Express Scripts Holding), Consumer Discretionary Sector (Estee Lauder and Twenty First Century Fox), and Energy Sector (Valero Energy Corp.). Negative factors impacting performance during the quarter included Consumer Discretionary Sector (Grupo Televisa), Health Care Sector (Allergan Plc), and Financial Sector (Banco do Brasil).

During the quarter shares of Mobile Telesystems, COPEL ADR, MTN Group, Teva Pharmaceuticals and Gazprom were sold in order to provide liquidity to purchase shares of the following companies due to their attractive business valuations relative to price: **Nike Inc.**, the world's largest footwear, apparel and equipment manufacturer, **Hershey Foods Corp.**, the leading confectionery manufacturer in U.S., **Express Scripts Holding**, the largest pharmacy benefit manager in the U.S., **Twenty First Century Fox, Inc.**, a media conglomerate with a film studio and broadcast network of more than 300 channels around the world; and **Stericycle, Inc.**, the largest provider of regulated medical waste management to hospitals and pharmaceutical companies, medical and dental offices in the U.S. and abroad.

## **Manager Commentary:**

In 2017, stocks around the world surged upward due to improving economic growth and strong corporate profitability worldwide. More than \$9 trillion in market value was added to the global stock markets in 2017. Three of the better performing industry sectors in 2017 were Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary and the Financial Sectors.

The Mundoval Fund was a beneficiary of the performance of all three sectors during the year. Our holdings in the Information Technology sector, Apple, Alphabet (a.k.a Google) and Mastercard, all provided rates of return greater than 30% in 2017. Financial Sector companies, Citigroup, T. Rowe Price Group and Bank of America, all returned more than 25% during 2017. The Consumer Discretionary Sector stocks that provided the best rates of return in the Fund in 2017 included Twenty First Century Fox, Inc., LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton and Nike, Inc.

2017 marked the first year since 2012 that International stocks in developed markets, as measured by the MSCI EAFE Index, outperformed the S&P 500 Index due to stellar rates of return in Europe and Japan. Emerging Markets, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Market Index, performed even better due to strong rates of return in Brazil and India. Although U.S. stocks are not excessively overpriced relative to historical measures in 2018, International stocks continue to offer attractive business valuations and the opportunity to diversify worldwide.

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

## Average Annualized Total Returns as of December 31, 2017

|                  | 4Q 2017 (Non-<br>Annualized) | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 7-Year | 10 Year | Since Inception<br>(9/3/04) |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Mundoval Fund    | 3.59%                        | 18.86% | 6.22%  | 8.55%  | 8.50%  | 4.69%   | 6.84%                       |
| MSCI World Index | 5.51%                        | 22.40% | 9.26%  | 11.63% | 9.57%  | 5.03%   | 7.55%                       |

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