

## 4Q18 Quarterly Commentary

## **Portfolio Review:**

The Mundoval Fund returned -15.44% in the fourth quarter versus -13.42% for the MSCI World Index during the same period. Since the inception date of the fund on September 3, 2004, the average annualized rate of return for the Mundoval Fund has been 5.71% versus 6.33% for the MSCI World Index.

Positive factors impacting performance for the Fund during the quarter included the Consumer Discretionary Sector (21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox and Diageo Plc), Healthcare Sector (Express Scripts) and Financial Sector (Banco do Brasil). Negative factors impacting performance for the Fund during the quarter included the Information Technology Sector (Apple Inc. and Baidu, Inc.), the Financial Sector (BNP Paribas) and the Heathcare Sector (Allergan Plc).

During the quarter shares of Grupo Televisa, Discovery Communications and Bridgestone Corporation were sold in order to provide liquidity to purchase additional shares of existing holdings and the world's largest social media company, **Facebook Inc**. The geographic diversification of the Fund as of December 31, 2018 consisted of 59.35% domestic stocks, 37.06% international stocks and 3.59% cash equivalents. The Fund owned shares of common stock in 35 companies.

## Manager Commentary:

Stock markets around the world suffered a volatile and turbulent stretch of selling pressure in the fourth quarter of 2018. Some of the reasons cited include the recent trade and tariff tensions between the U.S. and China, four increases in interest rates by the Federal Reserve during the year and anxiety about a global economic slowdown. Despite the tumultuous volatility in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the Mundoval Fund outperformed the MSCI World Index in 2018, the second time in the past three years.

Although negative investor sentiment surrounding the economy has generated short term market volatility, recent economic data does not seem to indicate the onset of a recession or negative economic activity. Corporate profits in 2019 are estimated to grow in the mid-single digits. A tighter labor market has resulted in the lowest unemployment rate since the 1960's. **Mastercard** reported that holiday sales increased by 5% this year, the strongest growth in the past six years. Online shopping also grew by 19% compared to 2017. Tier one capital ratios, which measure banks' financial health, have increased by 30% since 2008, and **Bank of America** and **Citigroup** have some of the highest ratios in the industry. Box office receipts for movies increased by 6% and **Walt Disney Company** accounted for 26% of all tickets sold in 2018. Disney also completed its acquisition of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox film & TV studios, Fox's cable networks and its international assets.

In the Healthcare Sector, which was the best performing in the S&P 500 Index in 2018, **Cigna Corporation** completed its \$54 billion acquisition of **Express Scripts** on December 20, 2018 to integrate two complimentary health care service companies. Mundoval Fund shareholders benefitted from the cash and stock transaction with a sizeable gain from its original cost basis.

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

## Average Annualized Total Returns as of December 31, 2018

	4Q 2018 (Non- Annualized)	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	7-Year	10 Year	Since Inception (9/3/04)
Mundoval Fund	-15.44%	-8.29%	6.89%	1.33%	7.80%	8.38%	5.71%
MSCI World Index	-13.42%	-8.71%	6.30%	4.56%	9.04%	9.66%	6.33%

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