# Q4 2023

### Overall Morningstar Rating™

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as of 12/31/23 out of 385 Mid-Cap Blend Funds based; on risk adjusted returns.

### **Portfolio Managers**



### Kevin R. O'Brien, CFA

30+ years experience 20+ years with Prospector

Previous Experience: White Mountains Advisers, Mng. Director Co-manager, Neuberger Berman Genesis Fund (NBGNX)



Jason A. Kish, CPA, CFA 25+ years experience 25+ years with Prospector

Previous Experience: Coopers & Lybrand, Auditor



Steven R. Labbe, CFA 25+ years experience 10+ years with Prospector

Previous Experience: Langen McAlenney, Analyst

# Founder/Chairman

John D. Gillespie 30+ years experience 25+ years with Prospector

Previous Experience: White Mountains Insurance, Director Ran T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund (PRGFX)

# **Fund Information**

Ticker / Cusip: POPFX / 743588204

### Investment Objective: Seeks capital appreciation.

**Fund Overview:** Value focused, equity fund with significant exposure to companies in the small-to-mid capitalization range.

Inception Date: September 28, 2007

Total Net Assets: \$231.6 million

Number of Stocks: 64

### Expense Ratios\*:

Net expense ratio: 1.26% Gross expense ratio: 1.35%

\* as of 4/28/23; Manager has contractually agreed to waive a portion of fees and/or pay Fund expenses (excluding interest, taxes & extraordinary expenses) to limit the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement to 1.25% (Expense Cap) of the Fund's average daily net assets through 9/30/24. Net expense ratio is what the investor would pay.



# Prospector Opportunity Fund (POPFX)

# **Firm History**

Prospector Partners began in 1997 when **John Gillespie** reunited with his mentor, **Jack Byrne**, who became a founding investor of Prospector. Byrne was the legendary CEO of GEICO (acquired by Berkshire Hathaway), Fireman's Fund (acquired by AIG), and White Mountains Insurance Group. **Warren Buffett** referred to Jack Byrne as "the Babe Ruth of insurance."

John Gillespie began his career working directly for Byrne as a Senior Financial Analyst at GEICO. In addition to Byrne's investment with Prospector, he also hired Prospector to manage capital for White Mountains Insurance Group where Gillespie served as a Director from 1999 to 2015.

Prospector portfolio managers Kevin O'Brien, Jason Kish, and Steve Labbe played prominent roles in managing/analyzing investments for White Mountains. O'Brien also served as a Managing Director for White Mountains Advisers. Much of the investment philosophy at Prospector is inspired by the value investing principles of Jack Byrne.

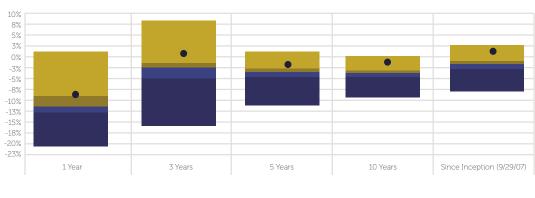
Performance <sup>+</sup> as of 12/31/23	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (9/28/07)
Prospector Opportunity Fund	8.67%	11.63%	11.63%	8.76%	11.27%	9.01%	9.09%
Mstar peer group percentile rank	-	-	85	25	75	30	n/a
# of funds in category (Mid-Cap Blend)	-	-	420	385	363	241	n/a
Mstar Mid-Cap Blend	11.48%	16.00%	16.00%	6.83%	11.96%	8.28%	7.09%
Russell 2000 Index	14.03%	16.93%	16.93%	2.22%	9.97%	7.16%	7.24%
Russell Midcap Index	12.82%	17.23%	17.23%	5.92%	12.68%	9.42%	8.56%
Russell Midcap Value Index	12.11%	12.71%	12.71%	8.36%	11.16%	8.26%	7.69%

+ Periods greater than 1 year are annualized

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, and when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund imposes a 2.00% redemption fee on redemption of shares held 60 days or less. Performance data does not reflect the redemption fee. If reflected, total return would be reduced. Performance current to the most recent month-end may be lower or higher than the performance quoted and can be obtained by calling 877-734-7862.

Calculation Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD

# Alpha vs. Peer Group as of 12/31/23



Top Quartile 2nd Quartile 2nd Quartile 2nd Quartile Prospector (POPFX) \*Prospector Partners is not affiliated with Warren Buffett or Berkshire Hathaway.

The Morningstar percentile ranking is based on the fund's total return percentile rank relative to all managed products that have the same category for the same time period. The highest (or most favorable) percentile rank is 1%, and the lowest (or least favorable) percentile rank is 100%. Morningstar total return includes both income and capital gains or losses and is not adjusted for sales charges. The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 22.5% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Prospector Opportunity Fund was rated 4-Stars, 4-Stars, and 4 Stars against the following numbers of Mid-Cap Blend funds over the following time periods: 385, 363, and 241 funds in the las

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# Value investing from a **credit** perspective.

# Investment Process Hallmarks

### **Downside Risk Mitigation**

- Always consider what can go wrong when seeking risk adjusted returns
- Prefer strong underlying franchise and asset value, companies with less financial leverage

### **Balance Sheet Analysis**

- Balance sheets become harder to manipulate, receive less management focus
- Reliable place to uncover financial improvement or decay

### Free Cash Flow Yield

- Indicates better business models and reflects owneroriented behavior
- Decreases reliance on capital markets

### Private Market Value

- Asset prices set by 3<sup>rd</sup> party private market transactions
- Acknowledges difference between GAAP accounting and intrinsic value

### In-House Research

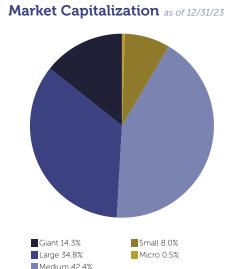
- Avoids group think and the Wall Street middle man; detailed meetings with company management support original insights
- Sector-focused analysts
  perform proprietary analysis

# Top Holdings as of 12/31/23

Curtiss-Wright	4.2%
Littelfuse	3.5%
Globe Life	3.1%
Leidos Holdings	2.8%
Primerica	2.7%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co	2.6%
Brown & Brown	2.6%
Fairfax Financial Holdings	2.4%
Trimble	2.2%
Carrier Global	2.2%

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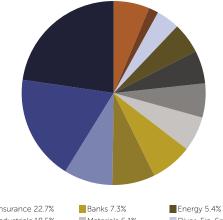




Portfolio Characteristics*	POPFX	R2K
Number of Stocks	64	1966
Market Cap (\$bn; median)	16,629	2,920
Price/Earnings Ratio	14.9X	15.1X
Price/Book Ratio	2.4X	2.0X
Price/Sales Ratio	1.9X	1.2X
Price/Cash Flow Ratio	12.3X	7.6X
Return on Equity	14.5	7.1
Debt-to Total-Capital	43.1	37.7
Active Share	99.2	

\*Portfolio data as of 12/31/23 Source: Factset

# Top Sectors as of 12/31/23



Insurance 22.7%	Banks 7.3%	Energy 5.4%
Industrials 18.5%	Materials 6.1%	Diver. Fin. Srvcs 4.1%
Health Care 8.6%	Cons. Disc. 6.0%	Real Estate 1.7%
IT 7.5%	Cons. Staples 5.8%	Comm. Srvcs 1.5%

#### \*Excludes Cash & Equivalents, 4.8%

Portfolio Statistics**	POPFX	R2K
Cumulative Return (%)	311.49	214.87
Cumulative Excess Return (%)	96.62	
Alpha	3.6	0
Correlation	0.9	1.0
Std Dev	14.2	21.2
Beta	0.6	1.0
Up Capture Ratio	70.2	100
Down Capture Ratio	56.5	100
Max Drawdown (%)	-32.7	-52.0

\*\* So Time Data:

\*\* Source: Morningstar, Inc. Time Period: 10/1/07-12/31/23 Data: Total, Monthly Returns

Mutual Fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Prospector Funds invest in small and medium capitalization companies that tend to have limited liquidity and greater price volatility than large capitalization companies. Growth stocks typically are more volatile than value stocks; however, value stocks have a lower expected growth rate in earnings and sales. The funds may invest in foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. The funds use of derivative instruments involves the risk that such instruments may not work as intended due to unanticipated developments in market conditions or other causes.

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