

# Invesco Comstock Fund

Q1 2025

# Key takeaways



# The fund outperformed the Russell 1000 Value Index

The largest contributors to relative return were consumer staples, health care and consumer discretionary, primarily due to stock selection. Stock selection in financials, communication services and utilities detracted the most from relative return.



#### Fund activity

We added **Restaurant Brands International, Icon, UnitedHealth** and **Evergy** to the fund. No stocks were eliminated from the portfolio during the quarter.



# Market leadership shifted in favor of economically sensitive sectors

Energy was the top performing sector within the S&P 500 Index. Defensive market sectors such as health care and consumer staples also had gains. Consumer discretionary and information technology (IT) had double-digit losses for the quarter.

#### Investment objective

The fund seeks total return through growth of capital and current income.

#### **Fund facts**

Fund AUM (\$M)

12,109.02

#### Portfolio managers

Devin Armstrong, Kevin Holt, Jay Warwick

# Manager perspective and outlook

#### **Opportunity for Value Stocks**

- Market leadership shifted as the value segment outperformed growth, based on the Russell 1000 Value Index, which returned 2.14%, and the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which returned -9.97%.
- Within the Russell 1000 Value Index, sector performance was mostly positive. Only industrials, consumer discretionary and IT had negative returns.
- Consensus forecasts for interest rate cuts in 2025 have been fewer than initially expected,
  However, due to a slowing economy, the US Federal Reserve may enact more rate cuts to
  stimulate growth. Previous cuts from 2024 and a resilient economy could help the fund's
  holdings achieve the performance improvements we look for over time.
- We believe market volatility may continue into 2025 given apparent economic uncertainty related to Trump administration policies (effect of tariffs), along with sanctions (Iran, Russia and China) and ongoing conflict in the middle east and Russia/Ukraine.
- We believe there is a potential advantage for active stock selection rather than simply buying
  the index given a surge in volatility, elevated near-term risks and a broad equity market that
  has still been top heavy due to high valuations on mega-cap technology and communication
  services stocks.

#### Top issuers

(% of total net assets)

|                                    | Fund | Index |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Wells Fargo & Co                   | 3.03 | 0.95  |
| Bank of America Corp               | 2.92 | 1.12  |
| Cisco Systems Inc                  | 2.46 | 0.99  |
| CVS Health Corp                    | 2.32 | 0.34  |
| Microsoft Corp                     | 2.25 | 0.00  |
| Philip Morris<br>International Inc | 2.08 | 0.99  |
| Chevron Corp                       | 2.02 | 1.10  |
| Meta Platforms Inc                 | 2.00 | 0.00  |
| Sysco Corp                         | 1.83 | 0.06  |
| Alphabet Inc                       | 1.83 | 0.00  |

As of 03/31/25. Holdings are subject to change and are not buy/sell recommendations.

# Portfolio positioning

#### **Areas of Opportunity**

Through our value lens we see very attractive upside in regional banks, health care (broadly with long-term upside in HMOs looking very attractive to us), select consumer staples and a few better positioned media stocks. We still see good opportunities in select consumer service/technology stocks that we think will gain further share in advertising and benefit from artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives.

During the quarter, we added new holdings **Restaurant Brands International**, **Icon**, **UnitedHealth** and **Evergy**.

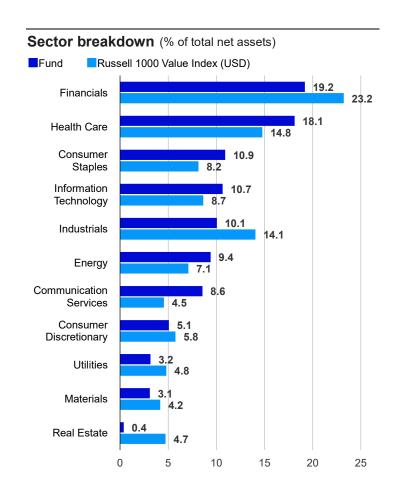
#### **Sector Over and Underweights**

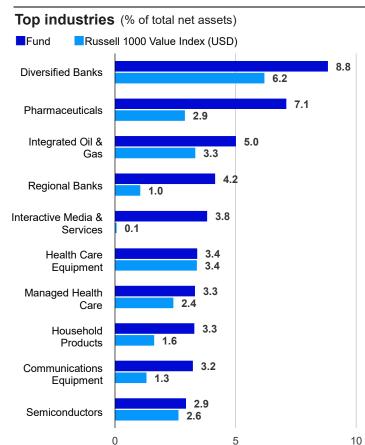
At quarter end, the largest overweights relative to the benchmark were in communication services, health care and consumer staples. Within communication services, the largest overweight was in interactive media services. This is a sector where we were selling during the quarter based on valuations. Within health care, most of the overweight is in health care providers and services and pharmaceuticals. Health care is the sector we added the most to during the quarter. Within consumer staples, the largest overweights were in beverages and household products, followed by tobacco. This is a sector where we were buying during the quarter, primarily in beverage stocks.

The largest underweights included real estate, industrials and financials. Within real estate, the fund's only exposure was a small position in a telecommunications tower company. Within industrials, the largest underweights were in electrical components/equipment and construction machinery/heavy transportation. Within financials, the largest underweights were in capital markets and financial services. We were net sellers, reducing fund exposure in this sector during the quarter.

#### **Trading Activity**

As far as the quarter's trading activity, health care and utilities represented the biggest additions. Conversely, the largest reductions occurred in financials and communication services, including diversified banks, investment banking & brokerage, media and interactive media services.





# Top contributors (%)

| Issuer                                   | Return | Contrib.<br>to return |
|--|--------|-----------------------|
| CVS Health<br>Corporation                | 52.79  | 0.76                  |
| Philip Morris<br>International Inc.      | 33.06  | 0.56                  |
| Chevron Corporation                      | 16.77  | 0.30                  |
| American<br>International Group,<br>Inc. | 19.99  | 0.29                  |
| Elevance Health, Inc.                    | 18.40  | 0.29                  |

## Top detractors (%)

| Issuer                   | Return | Contrib.<br>to return |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Alphabet Inc.            | -18.21 | -0.39                 |
| Las Vegas Sands<br>Corp. | -24.33 | -0.30                 |
| Microsoft Corporation    | -10.76 | -0.26                 |
| Eaton Corporation plc    | -17.78 | -0.23                 |
| FedEx Corporation        | -12.86 | -0.23                 |

### Performance highlights

The largest contributors to relative return were consumer staples, health care and consumer discretionary, primarily driven by stock selection. The largest detractors from relative performance were financials, communication services and utilities.

#### Contributors to performance

Consumer staples - The fund benefited from strong performance of beverage stocks, with contributions from Anheuser-Busch InBev, a large global beer brewer. Coca-Cola Co. and Keurig Dr. Pepper boosted relative return. Favorable results from Philip Morris International aided relative return.

Health care - Performance in the sector was primarily driven by stock selection in health care services and managed health care. CVS Health, previously a notable detractor in 2024, was one of the largest contributors to absolute and relative return in the first quarter. Overweights in select pharmaceutical stocks with strong performance also boosted relative return.

**Consumer discretionary** - Performance was largely driven by an overweight in online

retailer **eBay**, which materially outperformed the sector and its industry. Having no exposure to specialty retail, the worst performing industry within the sector, helped relative return.

#### **Detractors from performance**

Financials - The largest detractor within the sector was not owning **Berkshire Hathaway** in the financial services industry. Stock selection within diversified and regional banks detracted, as these stocks underperformed partly due to apparent investor worries about a slowing economy and potential effects on loan growth and credit issues.

Communication services - Alphabet, the large internet content and information company with substantial Al development, was the largest detractor from relative return. Most companies with Al heavy investment underperformed during the quarter as investors appeared to weigh future benefits against high spending.

**Utilities - Sempra**, an energy infrastructure company operating in the US and globally, was one of the largest detractors.

#### Standardized performance (%) as of March 31, 2025

|   |                | Quarter | YTD   | 1 Year               | 3 Years              | 5 Years            | 10 Years            | Since<br>Inception |
|---|----------------|---------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Class A shares inception: 10/07/68  | NAV            | 2.75    | 2.75  | 8.29                 | 8.76                 | 21.19              | 9.78                | 10.87              |
|   | Max. Load 5.5% | -2.89   | -2.89 | 2.33                 | 6.72                 | 19.83              | 9.16                | 10.75              |
| Class R6 shares inception: 09/24/12   | NAV            | 2.81    | 2.81  | 8.69                 | 9.16                 | 21.65              | 10.22               | 11.68              |
| Class Y shares inception: 10/29/04  | NAV            | 2.82    | 2.82  | 8.61                 | 9.04                 | 21.49              | 10.06               | 8.87               |
| Russell 1000 Value Index (USD)  |                | 2.14    | 2.14  | 7.18                 | 6.64                 | 16.15              | 8.79                | -                  |
| Total return ranking vs. Morningstar<br>Large Value category<br>(Class A shares at NAV) |                | -       | -     | 29%<br>(326 of 1160) | 17%<br>(153 of 1094) | 4%<br>(37 of 1034) | 25%<br>(158 of 812) | -                  |

Expense ratios per the current prospectus: Class A: Net: 0.81%, Total: 0.81%; Class R6: Net: 0.45%, Total: 0.45%; Class Y: Net: 0.56%, Total: 0.56%.

Performance quoted is past performance and cannot guarantee comparable future results; current performance may be lower or higher. Visit invesco.com for the most recent month-end performance. Performance figures reflect reinvested distributions and changes in net asset value (NAV). Investment return and principal value will vary so that you may have a gain or a loss when you sell shares. Returns less than one year are cumulative; all others are annualized. Index source: RIMES Technologies Corp. Had fees not been waived and/or expenses reimbursed in the past, returns would have been lower. Performance shown at NAV does not include the applicable front-end sales charge, which would have reduced the performance.

Class Y and R6 shares have no sales charge; therefore performance is at NAV. Class Y shares are available only to certain investors. Class R6 shares are closed to most investors. Please see the prospectus for more details.

## Performance highlights (cont'd)

| Calendar year total returns (%) |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                 | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
| Class A shares at NAV           | -5.93 | 17.83 | 17.77 | -12.24 | 25.34 | -0.79 | 33.32 | 0.81  | 12.24 | 15.02 |
| Class R6 shares at NAV          | -5.52 | 18.32 | 18.33 | -11.88 | 25.82 | -0.38 | 33.84 | 1.17  | 12.67 | 15.47 |
| Class Y shares at NAV           | -5.69 | 18.08 | 18.11 | -12.02 | 25.65 | -0.56 | 33.70 | 1.04  | 12.53 | 15.32 |
| Russell 1000 Value Index (USD)  | -3.83 | 17.34 | 13.66 | -8.27  | 26.54 | 2.80  | 25.16 | -7.54 | 11.46 | 14.37 |

| Portfolio characteristics*     |         |         |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
|                                | Fund    | Index   |  |  |  |
| No. of holdings                | 80      | 870     |  |  |  |
| Top 10 issuers<br>(% of AUM)   | 22.75   | 18.18   |  |  |  |
| Wtd. avg. mkt.<br>cap (\$M)    | 238,807 | 190,346 |  |  |  |
| Price/earnings                 | 17.24   | 18.75   |  |  |  |
| Price to book                  | 2.19    | 2.58    |  |  |  |
| Est. 3 – 5 year EPS growth (%) | 10.33   | 9.51    |  |  |  |
| ROE (%)                        | 15.96   | 16.09   |  |  |  |
| Long-term debt to capital (%)  | 40.54   | 40.51   |  |  |  |
| Operating margin (%)           | 18.79   | 19.22   |  |  |  |

# Risk statistics (5 year)\*

|                    | Fund   | Index  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Alpha (%)          | 3.94   | 0.00   |
| Beta               | 1.05   | 1.00   |
| Sharpe ratio       | 1.05   | 0.82   |
| Information ratio  | 1.14   | 0.00   |
| Standard dev. (%)  | 17.69  | 16.42  |
| Tracking error (%) | 4.42   | 0.00   |
| Up capture (%)     | 114.08 | 100.00 |
| Down capture (%)   | 91.32  | 100.00 |
| Max. drawdown (%)  | 15.55  | 17.75  |

# **Quarterly performance attribution**

## Sector performance analysis (%)

| Sector                 | Allocation effect | Selection effect | Total effect |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Communication Services | 0.26              | -0.94            | -0.68        |
| Consumer Discretionary | 0.08              | 0.32             | 0.40         |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.09              | 0.83             | 0.93         |
| Currency Forward       | -0.12             | 0.00             | -0.12        |
| Energy                 | 0.16              | 0.21             | 0.37         |
| Financials             | -0.01             | -0.70            | -0.71        |
| Health Care            | 0.10              | 0.83             | 0.93         |
| Industrials            | 0.18              | -0.30            | -0.12        |
| Information Technology | -0.13             | 0.35             | 0.22         |
| Materials              | 0.01              | -0.02            | -0.01        |
| Real Estate            | -0.02             | 0.02             | 0.00         |
| Utilities              | -0.08             | -0.32            | -0.40        |
| Cash                   | -0.04             | 0.00             | -0.04        |
| Total                  | 0.48              | 0.28             | 0.77         |

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The risks of investing in securities of foreign issuers, including emerging markets, can include fluctuations in foreign currencies, political and economic instability, and foreign taxation issues. Developing markets may especially be volatile.

The Fund's value may be affected by changes in the stock markets. Stock markets may experience significant short-term volatility and may fall or rise sharply at times. Adverse events in any part of the equity or fixed-income markets may have unexpected negative effects on other market segments. Different stock markets may behave differently from each other and U.S. stock markets may move in the opposite direction from one or more foreign stock markets.

The investment techniques and risk analysis used by the portfolio managers may not produce the desired results.

Stocks of small and medium-sized companies tend to be more vulnerable to adverse developments, may be more volatile, and may be illiquid or restricted as to resale.

A value style of investing is subject to the risk that the valuations never improve or that the returns will trail other styles of investing or the overall stock markets.

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