

GVP

THE GABELLI VALUE PLUS⁺ TRUST

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GABELLI
FUNDS

THIRD QUARTER 2017 REPORT

The Gabelli Value Plus⁺ Trust's investment goals are long term growth of capital with income as a secondary objective.

INVESTING WITH GABELLI

We at Gabelli are active, bottom up, value investors that seek to achieve real capital appreciation relative to inflation over the long term regardless of market cycles.

We invest in businesses utilising our proprietary Private Market Value ("PMV") with a Catalyst™ methodology. PMV is the value that we believe an informed buyer would be willing to pay to acquire an entire company in a private transaction.

We are not index benchmarked, and construct portfolios agnostic of market capitalisation and index weightings.

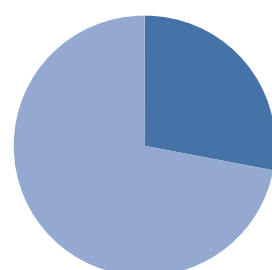
We have invested this way since 1977.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

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| Number of Holdings: | 103 |
| Invested Capital: | 99.9% |
| Average Equity Position: | 1.0% |
| Top 10 Equity Positions: | 28.7% |
| US Dollar Exposure: | 99.9% |
| British Pound Exposure: | 0.1% |
| Weighted Average Dividend Yield | 1.9% |
| Weighted Average Market Cap | 19.8B |
| Large Cap (>\$10B) | 40.7% |
| Mid Cap (\$2-10B) | 28.5% |
| Small Cap (<\$2B) | 30.8% |
| Active Share ¹ (v. S&P 500) | 94.9% |

¹ The Percentage Amount that the Fund does not overlap the S&P 500

CAPITAL ALLOCATION



- Announced Merger/
Non Market Correlated 28%
18 Positions
- PMV with a Catalyst 72%
85 Positions

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PROFILE

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Net Assets | £136 Million |
| Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share: | 136.3p |
| LSE Market Price: | 128.9p |
| Premium (Discount): | (5.4)% |
| Annual Ongoing Charges ^(a) | 1.34% |

(a) Ongoing Charges are calculated as a percentage of shareholder's funds, using average net assets over the period and calculated in line with AIC's recommended methodology. Annual Ongoing Charges as of September 30, 2017.

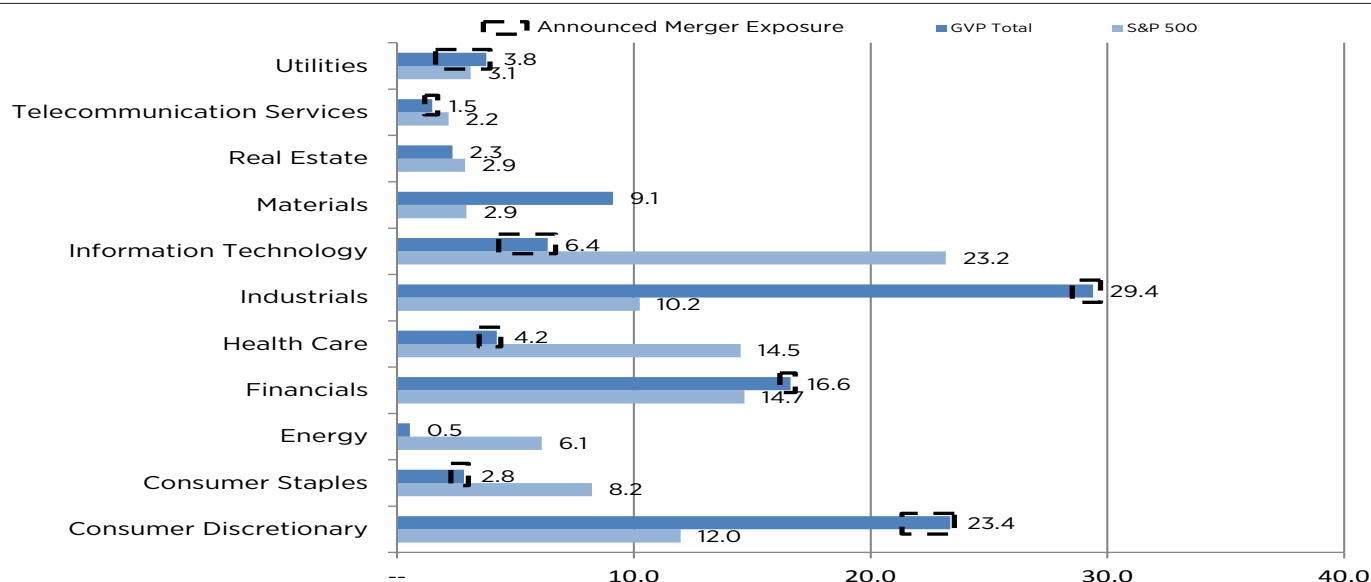
Top Ten Holdings:

Republic Services
Bank of New York Mellon
PNC Financial Services Group
Herc Holdings
E.W. Scripps
Navistar International
Myers Industries
State Street Corporation
Mueller Industries
Ryman Hospitality Properties

The top ten holdings are not necessarily representative of the entire portfolio and are subject to change.

| Catalyst | Absolute | Beta |
|---------------------|----------|------|
| Announced Mergers | 28% | N/A |
| Core PMV + Catalyst | 72% | 0.96 |

SECTOR EXPOSURE



LEADERS (3Q-2017)

| | % of NAV | Price Change ^(b) |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Herc Holdings | 3.4% | 27.5% |
| Navistar International | 2.7 | 70.3 |
| Myers Industries | 2.1 | 22.0 |
| Hertz Global Holdings | 1.6 | 105.4 |
| General Motors | 1.1 | 20.7 |

LAGGARDS (3Q-2017)

| | % of NAV | Price Change ^(b) |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Discovery Communications | 2.9% | (16.7)% |
| DISH Network | 2.8 | (14.2) |
| Allergan | 1.8 | (13.2) |
| Endo International | 1.8 | (18.6) |
| Rite Aid | 0.9 | (30.5) |

(b) Price change reflects the percentage change in equity price during the quarter.

PERFORMANCE (THROUGH 30/09/2017)

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| In GBP [%] | Year | Year | 1Q | 2Q | 3Q | YTD | ITD |
| GVP NAV * | 0.65 | 38.27 | 1.71 | (3.42) | 1.88 | 0.08 | 39.28 |
| GVP Market ** | (1.50) | 32.89 | 2.87 | (1.53) | (1.62) | (0.35) | 26.64 |
| Russell 3000 | 2.71 | 34.54 | 4.08 | (0.68) | 1.55 | 4.98 | 45.06 |
| Russell 3000 Value | (0.17) | 41.29 | 1.37 | (2.34) | 0.28 | (0.72) | 40.03 |
| GBP/USD Rate **** | 1.4736 | 1.2340 | 1.2550 | 1.3025 | 1.3398 | 1.3398 | 1.3398 |

Source: State Street, Bloomberg. All data is in GBP terms. *NAV performance is net of all fees and expenses and based on the initial NAV of 99p on 19 February 2015. **Market performance is based on the initial offering price of 100p on 19 February 2015 and reflects changes in closing market values on the LSE. ***First quarter 2015 and Inception to Date performance is from 19 February 2015. ****End of Period Exchange Rate.

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PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

The third quarter of 2017 was full of newsworthy events, some alternatively scary and sad. Although we usually do not discuss the weather on these pages, there were three hurricanes that impacted the United States during the quarter: Harvey, which hit Texas; Irma, which hit Florida; and Maria, which hit Puerto Rico. All three hurricanes were major events that caused tens of billions of dollars in damages and impacted millions of people. The Federal government agreed to pay billions of dollars in emergency funds to help the affected areas, and we hope this will serve as a catalyst to help a new infrastructure bill pass Congress over the next year.

The U.S. stock market advanced to record highs in September, with the S&P 500 Index in positive territory for an eighth consecutive quarter. The fundamental narrative remains favorable, thanks in large part to an upswing in global growth and still supportive global monetary policy. Economic indicators continue to point upwards around the world, with low inflation, falling unemployment, and rising consumer spending all contributing to the stock market's rise. Reported second quarter earnings were, by and large, better than expected, with many companies beating sales and earnings forecasts, and reaffirming or raising full year guidance. Furthermore, the weak dollar is helping to increase reported overseas profits for U.S.-based multinationals, and could potentially boost U.S. exports. Surprisingly, volatility was relatively low, with the average daily change during the quarter being only 0.3%, its lowest since 1968.

The Trump Administration's policies came back into focus during the quarter with the announcement of a deal to extend the debt ceiling and the release of a highly anticipated tax reform blueprint. More surprising than the across the aisle handshake from President Trump and Democrats on the debt ceiling agreement was the market's positive reaction to tax cut expectations, the possibility of which had been dwindling after several legislative setbacks on healthcare reform. The discussion around tax reform spurred renewed momentum around reflation trades and hope for fiscal stimulus. If a bill resembling the current plan is passed, it will likely be a boon for the U.S. economy and stock market, with industrial companies and domestic-oriented, full tax paying small cap stocks being among the biggest winners. Consumer spending may also get a boost from reductions in rates for individuals. Ultimately, the devil is in the details, and the Trump Administration has not yet shown the ability to advance much of its agenda, but we remain cautiously optimistic that taxes for individuals and corporations will be lower in 2018.

Manufacturing and service growth is broadening and accelerating across Europe, Asia, and the Americas, as the final lingering effects of the financial crisis get put to rest. Wage growth has accelerated towards a healthier 3% annual rate, and commodity prices continue to increase, pushing inflation closer to policymakers' 2% goal. Steady growth and slightly higher inflation are allowing the Federal Reserve to normalize interest rate policy and gradually reduce its quantitative easing program, two long held but much delayed goals of the bank, and the European Central Bank is beginning to consider similar actions. While this has been an unusually long economic cycle, expansion looks set to continue for at least the next few quarters, barring any unforeseen shocks.

Of course, risks always remain, most notably the very public nuclear brinksmanship with North Korea. Any military conflict that could occur has the potential to carry with it an enormous human cost in terms of loss of life. While of lesser importance, it would likely result in a sharp decline in stock prices as well. We are hopeful that a diplomatic solution prevails, and note that in this new era of uncertain geopolitical dynamics, military spending will likely remain robust for years to come.

Deals Deals and More Deals

Global deal activity increased 3% on a year over year basis in the first nine months of 2017 to a total of \$2.4 trillion. The number of deals announced during the first nine months of 2017 remained flat with 2016 levels at 35,360. Overall, flat deal activity was offset by a 9% increase in the number of deals valued at more than \$1 billion, and an 18% increase in the number of deals announced in the United States. Deal activity slowed down on a quarterly basis in the third quarter, decreasing 3% to \$819.7 billion versus \$845.3 billion in the second quarter. This negative development is slightly offset when comparing Q3 2017 deal activity to Q3 2016 activity, which revealed a 2% increase.

Merger and acquisition (M&A) activity, while still robust, has not meaningfully accelerated under the Trump Administration, as CEOs and boards wait for more clarity on taxes and potential regulatory scrutiny. As soon as policy uncertainties in Washington regarding corporate tax reform, international trade, and various industry reform and deregulation initiatives begins to lift, a resurgence in deal making may start. We believe the ingredients of a robust M&A environment – low cost of financing, low global GDP growth, synergy-driven industry consolidation, and the availability of many new pure-play companies due to financial engineering – continue to be in place.

Let's Talk Stocks

Bank of New York Mellon Corp. (BK – NYSE) is a global leader in providing financial services to institutions and individuals. The company operates in more than one hundred markets worldwide, and strives to be the global provider of choice for investment management and investment services. As of June 2017, the firm had \$31.1 trillion in assets under custody and \$1.8 trillion in assets under management. Going forward, we expect BK to benefit from rising global incomes and the cross border movement of financial transactions. We believe BK is also well positioned to grow earnings in a rising interest rate environment, given its large customer cash deposits and significant loan book.

Bob Evans Farms Inc. (BOBE – NASDAQ) is a New Albany, Ohio-based food services company focused on refrigerated dishes. BOBE produces and distributes frozen and refrigerated food items throughout the United States. On September 19, 2017, BOBE agreed to be acquired by Post Holdings Inc. for \$77 cash per share. The deal values Bob Evans at \$1.5 billion and requires regulatory and shareholder approvals. It is expected to close in the first quarter of 2018.

HERC Holdings Inc. (HRI – NYSE), based in Bonita Springs, Florida, is the third largest equipment rental company in the United States, after United Rentals and Sunbelt Rentals (owned by Ashtead). HRI was spun out of former parent Hertz on June 30, 2016. Underemphasized as part of a significantly larger car rental company, HRI now has the opportunity to improve profitability to levels more commensurate with peers as a standalone entity. Ultimately, we view HRI as an attractive acquisition candidate.

Navistar International Corp. (NAV – NYSE), based in Lisle, Illinois, manufactures Class 4-8 trucks, buses, and defense vehicles, as well as diesel engines and parts for the commercial trucking industry. NFC, a wholly-owned subsidiary, provides financing of products sold by the company's truck segment. In September 2016, Navistar and Volkswagen (VW) Truck & Bus announced a long anticipated strategic alliance, in which the two truck manufacturers would share technology and purchasing efforts in exchange for VW taking a \$256 million stake (16.6%) in Navistar. The deal, which closed on March 1, 2017, confirms our thesis that NAV would eventually be targeted by a larger global capital equipment manufacturer. We believe this initial investment should lead to an eventual full purchase in the years ahead.

Time Warner Inc. (TWX – NYSE), located in New York, New York, is a diversified media company with operations in cable networks through HBO, TNT, TBS & CNN, and film & television production. We like the company's cable networks, high margins and low capital intensity. We expect AT&T to complete its acquisition of TWX which would deliver ~\$101 to TWX shareholders and the pro forma company to benefit from an improved competitive position.

Westar Energy Inc. (WR – NYSE), based in Topeka, Kansas, is an electric utility serving 700,000 customers in central and northeastern Kansas, including the cities of Topeka, Lawrence, Manhattan, and Hutchinson; and southcentral and southeastern Kansas, including the city of Wichita. WR's 6,800 MW generation portfolio includes coal (75% of output), nuclear (13%), natural gas (10%) and wind. On May 31, 2016, WR announced a definitive agreement to be acquired by Great Plains Energy (GXP) for an enterprise value of \$12.2 billion, or \$60.00 per share. On July 10, 2017, WR and GXP amended the merger agreement where the two companies would combine via a merger of equals. WR shareholders would receive one share of the new company, and GXP shareholders would receive 0.5891 shares. The companies expect the transaction to close in the first half of 2018, and be accretive (to respective stand-alone earnings) in the first year after closing.

Conclusion

Markets continue to climb, but risks – geopolitical and otherwise – as always remain. We continue to seek high-quality companies trading at a discount to Private Market Value – the price an informed industrialist would pay to own an entire business – and hope to use any opportunity “Mr. Market” provides to us. We also look for catalysts to surface value, such as industry consolidation, financial engineering, new management, regulatory changes, or a change in cash flow allocation. Finally, tax reform has the potential to increase consumer spending, corporate profits, and lead to an acceleration of deal making activity.

We remain optimistic that our portfolio is positioned for attractive risk-adjusted returns across a complete market cycle, and that active management remains the best situated vehicle to capitalize on market dislocations. Our approach of identifying mismatched expectations and corresponding catalysts to rectify intrinsic value discounts has served investors well, and we continue to refine and employ this strategy.

INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

GVP's investment objective is to seek capital appreciation by investing predominantly in equity securities of U.S. companies of any market capitalisation. In selecting such securities, the Manager utilises its proprietary Private Market Value ("PMV") with a Catalyst™ methodology. PMV is the value that the Manager believes an informed industrial buyer would be willing to pay to acquire an entire company. The Manager arrives at a PMV valuation by a rigorous assessment of fundamentals (focusing on the balance sheet, earnings, and free cash flow) from publicly available information and judgment gained from its comprehensive, accumulated knowledge of a variety of sectors.

The Manager's fundamental research seeks to identify investments typically featuring, but not limited to, differentiated franchise businesses with organic cash flow, balance sheet opportunities, and operational flexibility. The Manager will seek to identify businesses whose securities trade in the public markets at a significant discount to their PMV estimate which the Manager refers to as a "Margin of Safety".

Having identified such securities, the Manager will seek to identify one of more "catalysts" that will narrow or eliminate the discount associated with the Margin of Safety. Catalysts can come in many forms including, but not limited to, corporate restructurings (such as demergers and asset sales), operational improvements, regulatory or managerial changes, special situations (such as liquidations), and mergers and acquisitions.

The Manager seeks value creation through its process of bottom up stock selection and its implementation of a disciplined portfolio construction process.

The Manager believes that its investment programme, oriented towards businesses with barriers to new entrants, lends itself to companies which can price their products above their costs and typically deliver growth and shareholder value over the long term, regardless of prevalent macro-economic conditions. Thus the Manager's process of securities selection in identifying and valuing businesses from the perspective of an owner or strategic buyer can help orient its portfolio to a variety of catalyst-driven situations that may eventually lead to a takeover or merger. After a merger or acquisition is announced, the Manager may deem it attractive to invest, or remain invested, in the announced merger transaction. This is known as traditional merger arbitrage investing, with the return potential based on the announced acquisition price relative to the current market price, or the spread. The Manager believes that such announced merger investments offer an attractive component of its investment programme, with returns contingent on the closing of a transaction and generally unrelated to the broad market conditions. The Manager's approach to traditional merger investing is a natural extension of its long standing research driven investment process.

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