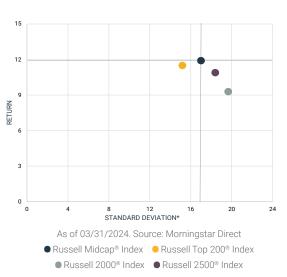




# **CARILLON EAGLE** Mid Cap Growth Fund

Seeking growth at a reasonable price





\*Standard deviation measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

Chart 3





## DON'T MISS OUT on Mid Caps

The Russell Midcap® Index consists of companies with market caps between roughly \$1.8 billion and \$31.7 billion. Mid-caps include companies in a range of industries from medical device manufacturers to restaurant chains. Investors with allocations to large, small/mid-cap (SMID) or small-cap equities may own some stocks in the Russell Midcap Index, but may be missing out on the full potential of mid-cap stocks.

#### Growth Potential

Mid-cap companies can combine some of the best attributes of larger and smaller companies. The ability to help limit risk in down markets is generally associated with large-cap stocks, while the potential to perform competitively in up markets is generally associated with small-caps. The mid-cap space has demonstrated the potential to do a bit of both. (See Chart 1)

## **Risk/Return Characteristics**

Investors may be missing mid-cap stocks' potential to add absolute returns and portfolio diversity. Investors must also consider risk-adjusted returns. Mid-caps can offer an attractive return relative to their risk. It may not be necessary to take the risks associated with small-caps to see similar returns. (See Chart 2)

## **Overlooked Opportunity**

While mid-cap stocks represent 27 percent of the overall market,1 they account for only about 9.5 percent of assets in U.S. domestic mutual funds. Only \$992.1 billion of the roughly \$10.5 trillion in total assets invested in U.S. open-ended equity mutual funds were in the mid-cap space.<sup>2</sup> (See Chart 3)

Investors may believe they are adequately invested in midcaps if they have exposure to stocks in the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Index. However, the 200 or so top large-cap stocks in the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Index can eclipse the mid-cap holdings in their weightings. Investors seeking mid-cap exposure should not rely on combined allocations across market capitalizations to provide it. Investing with a dedicated active mid-cap manager can be an effective way to gain exposure to these stocks' potential benefits.

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  As of 03/31/2024. Source: Bloomberg This is a comparison of the Russell 3000 $^{\circ}$  Index vs. The Russell Midcap $^{\circ}$  Index

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As of 03/31/2024. Source: Morningstar Direct. This excludes money market funds, funds of funds and obsolete funds.



# **CARILLON EAGLE** Mid Cap Growth Fund

#### Aim for long-term growth

The Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund team seeks companies where the future looks brighter than the past to help meet investors' growth goals. Our managers look for solid, diverse companies with accelerated earnings growth that is expected to continue over the longer term. We find that mid-cap companies can offer distinctive potential for growth in a portfolio. As seen below in Chart 4, the Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund has consistently outperformed its benchmark since 2006.

#### Chart 4



Past performance is no guarantee of future result. Performance above is for Class I shares and reflects the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for other share classes will differ due to differences in fees, expenses and sales charges.

## Focus on fundamentals and risk management

Our team seeks companies with strong fundamentals that are supported by unique products or positioning within their respective industries - what's known as "secular growth." The Fund's managers go to great lengths to uncover information about the companies they select. Both qualitative factors understanding a company's competition - and quantitative factors - high earnings growth - are considered.

Before investing in companies for the portfolio, management and/or research analysts:



Look for companies with a positive catalyst for growth

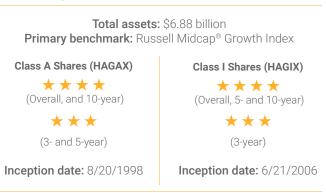
Meet the company's management and assess its fundamentals



Focus on stocks with a market capitalization within the bounds of the Russell Midcap® Growth Index

## Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund

As of March 31, 2024



\*As of March 31, 2024 in the Mid-Cap Growth category based on riskadjusted return. Class A shares were rated four stars for the overall and 10-year time periods out of 520 and 393 funds respectively. Class A shares were rated 3 stars for 3- and 5-year time periods out of 520 and 489 funds resectively. Class I shares were rated four stars for the overall, 5- and 10-year time periods out of 520, 489 and 393 funds respectively. Class I shares were rated 3 stars for 3-year time period out of 520 funds. The calculation is based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance. Absent fee waivers the rankings may have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

#### Investment Team



Eric Mintz, CFA | Portfolio Manager

29 years of industry experience

19 years with Eagle Asset Management



Christopher Sassouni, D.M.D. | Portfolio Manager

- 34 years of industry experience
- 21 years with Eagle Asset Management



David Cavanaugh | Portfolio Manager

• 28 years of industry experience

• 7 years with Eagle Asset Management

## A culture of investment excellence

The Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund management team is experienced, cohesive and passionate. Team cohesion plays an important role in maintaining consistency in the investment approach. The investment team embraces its distinctive process and has a bias to stick with winning companies.

#### Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2024 Carillon Fagle Mid Can Growth Fund

| Carilion Eagle Mid Cap Growth Fund       |        |        |      |       |       |       |       |               |                  |       |           |
|--|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|------------------|-------|-----------|
|  | Symbol | QTD    | YTD  | 1 YR  | 3 YR  | 5 YR  | 10 YR | Life of Class | Gross Expense Ra | atio  | Inception |
| Class A (at NAV)                         | HAGAX  | 9.44   | 9.44 | 22.79 | 3.05  | 11.61 | 11.16 | 11.76         | 1.05%            |       | 8/20/98   |
| Class A (at Offer)                       | HAGAX  | 4.24   | 4.24 | 16.96 | 1.39  | 10.53 | 10.62 | 11.55         | 1.05%            |       |           |
| Class C* (at NAV)                        | HAGCX  | 9.26   | 9.26 | 21.95 | 2.35  | 10.85 | 10.39 | 10.95         | 1.73%            |       | 8/20/98   |
| Class C* (at Offer)                      | HAGCX  | 8.26   | 8.26 | 21.95 | 2.35  | 10.85 | 10.39 | 10.95         | 1.73%            |       |           |
| Class I                                  | HAGIX  | 9.51   | 9.51 | 23.16 | 3.37  | 11.96 | 11.52 | 11.55         | 0.73%            |       | 6/21/06   |
| Class R-6                                | HRAUX  | 9.54   | 9.54 | 23.27 | 3.46  | 12.05 | 11.62 | 13.36         | 0.64%            |       | 8/15/11   |
| Russell Midcap® Growth Index             |        | 9.50   | 9.50 | 26.28 | 4.62  | 11.82 | 11.35 | -             |                  |       |           |
| Calendar Year Returns (%)                |        |        |      |       |       |       |       |               |                  |       |           |
|  | 2023   | 20     | 22   | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 20    | 18 2017       | 2016             | 2015  | 2014      |
| Fund (Class A at NAV)                    | 19.63  | -25.84 |      | 11.37 | 39.78 | 34.48 | -6    | .39 29.90     | 6.72             | 2.19  | 9.64      |
| Russell Midcap <sup>®</sup> Growth Index | 25.87  | -26    | .72  | 12.73 | 35.59 | 35.47 | -4    | .75 25.27     | 7.33             | -0.20 | 11.90     |

The performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance at offer reflects a front-end sales charge of 4.75 percent for Class A shares; a contingent deferred sales charge of 1 percent for Class C share redemptions made earlier than one year after purchase. Performance data quoted reflects reinvested dividends and capital gains. Returns of less than one year are not annualized. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month-end may be obtained by calling 1.800.421.4184 or visiting carillonfunds.com.

Performance "at NAV" assumes that no front-end sales charge applied or the investment was not redeemed. Performance "at offer" assumes that a front-end sales charge applied to the extent applicable.

Class I and R shares have no sales charge and are only available to certain investors. See the prospectus for more information.

\*The Carillon Family of Funds will convert class C share accounts that are more than 8 years old to class A shares on the third of each month. Shareholders may continue to purchase shares in either class, but will be required to pay a sales charge on new purchases of Class A shares.

#### Risk Considerations

Investments in mid-cap and small-cap companies generally involve greater risks than investing in larger capitalization companies. Mid-cap companies often have narrower commercial markets, more limited managerial and financial resources, and more volatile trading than larger, more established companies.

Growth companies are expected to increase their earnings at a certain rate. When these expectations are not met, investors may punish the stocks excessively, even if earnings showed an absolute increase. Growth company stocks also typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns. The companies engaged in the technology industry are subject to fierce competition and their products and services may be subject to rapid obsolescence. The values of these companies tend to fluctuate sharply.

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The Carillon Family of Funds spans a range of investment objectives and asset classes designed for long-term investors. Whether fixed income or equity, domestic or internationally focused, our autonomous investment teams and portfolio managers are committed to fundamental research and active risk management in the pursuit of consistent performance as well as a clientfirst approach.

Eagle Asset Management provides a broad array of fundamental equity and fixed-income strategies designed to meet the long-term goals of institutional and individual investors. Eagle's multiple independent investment teams have the autonomy to pursue investment decisions guided by their individual philosophies and strategies.

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