Westwood **Quality Value Fund**

Commentary

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2026

Performance Highlights

Equity markets were unsettled during the quarter, though large-cap stocks overall managed to generate positive returns. The Westwood Quality Value Fund (Class I) returned 1.44%, trailing the Russell 1000® Value Index, which returned 2.61%.

While key market indices, such as the S&P 500®, reached record levels in August amid reports of strong corporate earnings growth and steady economic expansion, investors pulled back in September. A primary driver of the stock market's retreat was a sudden surge in bond yields. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield jumped from 4.63% in early August to 5.29% by the quarter's end. Higher yields across the board dampened equity momentum, as bonds became more competitive with stocks and higher borrowing costs threatened to crimp corporate capital spending.

For the quarter, most of the S&P 500's positive return (the index was up 2.30%) came from the Information Technology sector. Only three other sectors posted narrow gains — Health Care, Energy and Communication Services. By contrast, Utilities and Industrials stocks fell sharply, as higher energy costs and elevated interest rates weighed on performance. Year to date, Financials, Utilities and Consumer Discretionary stocks are in negative territory, with all other sectors enjoying gains.

Within the portfolio, the Information Technology and Health Care sectors made the largest contribution to the positive returns. Energy and Communication Services stocks also performed well. Consistent with the broader index, Industrials and Utilities detracted from portfolio results. Their lagging performance reflected concerns about the potential economic impact of persistently higher inflation and rising interest rates. Results for most other sectors were relatively flat. The portfolio lagged the Russell 1000 Value Index in July and August but recovered some ground in September.

On a relative basis, adverse stock selection negatively impacted Energy sector results compared to the S&P 500. A below-market weighting in Information Technology also led to underperformance for that sector. Adverse stock selection in Communication Services muted gains in that sector, though an overweight position in Health Care, aided by favorable stock selection, boosted returns. Poor relative stock performance and an overweighting in sector allocation magnified an already weak quarter for both Industrials and Utilities stocks within the portfolio.

Performance Drivers

Top Contributors

- Microsoft Corp. (MSFT), a leading developer of software, cloud and AI solutions, reported revenue and earnings growth that soundly beat quarterly consensus expectations. Azure growth surprised to the upside and further conviction was gained from the company's AI strategy offering more fast follower AI models. Secondarily, there was a broader software rerating in September benefiting the shares.
- Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. (TMO), a global leader in life sciences and laboratory solutions, reported 5% organic growth in the second quarter, which bested the 3% expectations, and was the strongest in five years. Results were strong for the quarter and were coupled with an increase in guidance for the year, which drove a positive rerating in the earnings multiple.

- Apple Inc. (AAPL), a leading innovator in consumer electronics and personal technology, reported third-quarter 2026 results that modestly exceeded expectations, but the forward guidance was light. The foldable iPhone launch and new CEO focusing on AI were positive developments in the quarter.
- Meta Platforms Inc. (META), a social media and virtual reality conglomerate, reported second quarter revenue growth of 28% year over year. The company's Muse AI assistant gained millions of users, while it established partnerships with major retail chains. Muse shows what Meta can do with its internal AI technology and excess computing capacity. The company also reported second quarter revenue growth of 28% year over year.
- Chevron Corp.(CVX), a global integrated energy company specializing in oil and gas, benefited from the move higher in crude oil and diesel prices during the quarter due to the conflict

Top Detractors

- RB Global Inc. (RBA), a global marketplace for asset insights and disposition services, beat second quarter revenue and earnings expectations. However, its service revenue take rate declined following changes to business mix and volume-based price incentives.
- Qnity Electronics Inc. (Q), a provider of electronic materials and technology solutions, generated impressive sales and earnings gains in the second quarter. However, the stock gave back a portion of strong gains from the first half of the year amidst cooling sentiment for semiconductor stocks.
- Home Depot Inc. (HD), a leading home improvement retail chain, notes that despite recent solid financial performance, rising input costs are expected to offset tariff benefits for the year. For fiscal 2026, the company forecasts flat to 2% comparable sales growth. Rising interest rates are a headwind to home improvement demand.
- Advanced Drainage Systems Inc. (WMS), a leading manufacturer of water management drainage solutions and products, is likely to see its earnings (before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) margin decline in the near term. Higher resin and transportation costs are contributing to the firm's financial pressures and higher interest rates will continue to pressure residential construction.
- J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc. (JBHT), a leading surface transportation and logistics services provider, issued a downward revision to third quarter earnings guidance. Increased driver recruitment, fuel and insurance costs drove the shortfall. A mismatch between intermodal pricing and rising costs is pressuring margins. However, management said much of the added cost reflects preparing for very strong demand, which we believe points to a strong 2027.

Performance Update

As of September 30, 2026

Trailing Years Performance

	Inception Date	3Q26	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	10 Year*	Since Inception*
WHGLX (Class I)	6/28/2006	1.44%	7.94%	8.47%	11.13%	7.26%	9.57%	8.03%
WWLAX (Class A) **	12/31/2007	1.35%	7.80%	8.26%	10.93%	7.05%	9.33%	7.20%
WWLAX (Class A with Load) ***	12/31/2007	-1.70%	4.61%	5.02%	9.80%	6.40%	9.00%	7.03%
WHGQX (Class Ultra)	11/30/2022	1.45%	7.98%	8.51%	11.08%	--	--	7.28%
Russell 1000 Value Index	6/28/2006	2.61%	19.27%	23.81%	20.07%	11.92%	11.43%	8.92%
Russell 3000 Index	6/28/2006	1.41%	12.42%	15.13%	22.26%	12.64%	14.73%	11.21%

*Annualized ** Excludes sales charge. *** Reflects effects of the fund's maximum sales charge of 3.00%. Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses by Share Class (gross / net): Class I 0.71% / 0.63%, Class A 0.88% / 0.80%, Class Ultra 0.63% / 0.55%. The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse expenses until March 1, 2027. In the absence of current fee waivers, total return would be reduced.

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Calendar Year Returns

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
WHGLX	5.78%	10.56%	8.91%	-5.66%	23.79%	2.73%	27.36%	-6.04%	20.85%	10.93%
Russell 1000 Value Index	15.91%	14.37%	11.46%	-7.54%	25.16%	2.80%	26.54%	-8.27%	13.66%	17.34%
Russell 3000 Index	17.15%	23.81%	25.96%	-19.21%	25.66%	20.89%	31.02%	-5.24%	21.13%	12.74%

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
WHGLX	-0.36%	11.85%	30.03%	16.10%	-0.91%	12.11%
Russell 1000 Value Index	-3.83%	13.45%	32.53%	17.51%	0.39%	15.51%
Russell 3000 Index	0.48%	12.56%	33.55%	16.42%	1.03%	16.93%

Potential Risks

Mutual fund investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its stated objectives. Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy individual securities. The Fund pursues a "value style" of investing. If the Adviser's assessment of market conditions, or a company's value or prospects for meeting or exceeding earnings expectations is inaccurate, the Fund could suffer losses or produce poor performance relative to other funds or market benchmarks. In addition, "value stocks" can continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time and may never achieve the Adviser's expected valuation.

Top 10 Holdings as of 9/30/2026

Amazon.com Inc.	Alphabet Inc.
Microsoft Corp.	Wells Fargo & Co.
Apple Inc.	JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	ExxonMobil Holdings Corp.
Meta Platforms Inc.	Merck & Co. Inc.

Top 10 Holdings represents 34.23% of the total portfolio and represents the ten largest portfolio positions by market value in the Fund as of the period end date. Each quarter, the Westwood Funds use this same objective, non-performance based criteria to select the ten largest holdings. Holdings are subject to change. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Fund Positioning and Trade Rationale

Positions were initiated in the following companies:

- Intel Corp. (INTC), a leading semiconductor and microprocessor design and manufacturing company. We believe Intel's turnaround offers meaningful upside that is not reflected in the share price.
- Apollo Global Management Inc. (APO) is a leading global private equity and alternative asset management firm. Its five-year plan targets 20% annual growth in asset management earnings and 10% in retirement earnings. A high rate of investor withdrawals across private credit is a risk we are monitoring.
- BWX Technologies Inc. (BWXT), a leading manufacturer of specialized nuclear components and technologies, benefits from a significant backlog of government orders for supplying nuclear propulsion components. The company has shed a number of non-core businesses to focus specifically on the high-return nuclear business. We believe the company will benefit from long-term growth in nuclear power and electrification.
- J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc. (JBHT), a leading surface transportation and logistics services provider, should benefit from industrial growth and the return of manufacturing to North America. While higher costs are a near-term challenge, we expect the company to recover them through intermodal pricing as contracts renew and to capitalize on strong demand.

The following positions were sold from the portfolio:

- Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B (BRK.B) is a diversified conglomerate spanning insurance, energy and consumer goods. Some prominent company businesses such as Burlington Northern and GEICO are experiencing slower growth, and former Chairman Warren Buffet is expected to gradually donate up to 12 million shares of the stock, which could put some pressure on the stock's value.
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Market Review

Equity markets were mixed in the third quarter, with large-cap stocks posting modest gains while mid-cap and small-cap stocks lost ground. The S&P 500 reached new all-time highs in August but experienced a modest selloff in the quarter's closing weeks.

Investors weighed countervailing forces, as steady economic growth and impressive corporate earnings expansion were offset in part by rising oil prices and surging bond yields. The S&P 500 rose 2.3% for the quarter, losing modest ground in September to close out the period. Conditions were less favorable for other parts of the market. The Russell Midcap Index® returned -3.0%, and the small-cap Russell 2000® Index declined 7.2%. Globally, developed market stocks also fell by about 3%.

Within the S&P 500, only a narrow group of sectors benefited, most notably energy stocks, which rose more than 17% in the third quarter and are up more than 40% year to date. Energy stocks capitalized on the oil price surge stemming from the Middle East conflict and restrictions on oil shipments in that region. Information Technology and Communication Services stocks continued to benefit from the ongoing artificial intelligence (AI) buildout. Mega-cap stocks, which dominated in previous years but struggled recently, regained ground in the quarter.

Solid economic growth, exceeding an annualized rate of 2% in the first half of the year, provided a solid underpinning for the markets. Inflation remains elevated, a persistent concern driven largely by higher energy prices.

The Federal Reserve (Fed) raised the short-term federal funds rate in September for the first time since 2023. Bond markets emerged as potential headwinds for stocks, with the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield topping 5% for the first time since 2007. By the quarter's end, the 10-year yield was just shy of 5.3%, the highest level since 2002.

Outlook

Broad U.S. and international indices enter the fourth quarter having already achieved double-digit returns for the year. The question is whether markets can build on that success. While a generally favorable economic backdrop persists, some overhanging issues warrant attention.

The most prominent issue is the sudden upward trend in interest rates. Bond investors appear to be signaling concerns about stubborn inflation and growing federal government debt, which now tops $40 trillion. Bond yields may be reaching levels that are more attractive to investors, which could result in a shift of assets out of equity markets. In addition, higher interest rates impact corporate borrowing costs, potentially reducing earnings, at least in the short term. It's unclear whether such lofty (by recent standards) bond yields are sustainable, but the bond market is likely to remain much in focus in the near term.

Other economic news remains constructive. Initial jobless claims numbers held at reduced levels over the summer, and the unemployment rate remains near historic lows, in the 4% range. When initial readings are released in the third quarter, gross domestic product (GDP) growth is expected to improve from prior quarters. While consumer sentiment is in decline, due in part to persistently high gas prices, consumers aren't acting on that negative sentiment. Spending growth remains steady, with the upcoming holiday season a key test of consumer spending power.

Meanwhile, inflation remains a key indicator. Core inflation has remained modest given the recent rise in energy costs, though massive AI spending is likely helping keep inflation elevated. Investors are watching whether the Fed will be compelled to further raise the fed funds rate to try to mitigate ongoing inflation risks.

Markets remain attuned to an unsettled geopolitical environment. The U.S. conflict with Iran remains unresolved. Military activity has been limited, and oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz have reportedly rebounded. However, confrontations between the Yemeni-based Houthis and Saudi Arabia have also disrupted Red Sea oil shipments. As a

result, oil prices remain elevated. The Russia-Ukraine war continues to drag on, with both sides inflicting serious damage. Fears of escalation could create new global economic risks.

Domestically, focus is increasing on the U.S. midterm elections. Democrats have an opportunity to take control of the narrowly divided U.S. House, currently led by Republicans. Many Senate races appear closely contested, another challenge to Republican control in that chamber. Markets may need to assess the potential consequences of divided power in Washington.

Even amid what some may view as an unsettled environment, our focus remains on identifying small-cap stocks with strong cash flows, identifiable and recurring earnings, low leverage and strong corporate management. By focusing on attractively valued, high-quality companies, we believe our portfolio is positioned to generate competitive potential returns regardless of underlying market and economic conditions.

Important Information

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