

# Pioneer Fund

Market Volatility Update | As of March 27, 2020

## The Fund Has Outperformed, Both During the Correction and Year-to-Date

- Pioneer Fund's discipline of investing in attractively valued equities of businesses that we believe are sustainable from an ESG, financial and competitive perspective has continued to generate an attractive risk-return profile. The Fund's Class Y share has captured most of the upside during periods when the market has appreciated, while having outperformed when the market has declined.
- Not only has the Fund outperformed its benchmark, the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, it has also outperformed large cap growth and value stocks, as well as small and mid-cap stocks during this period of market volatility (February 19 – March 27), as you can see in the table below.

Fund and Market Performance	YTD Performance As of 3/27/20	Market Volatility Period 2/20/20 – 3/27/20
Pioneer Fund (Y Share)	-17.66%	-20.93%
S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index	-20.96%	-24.78%
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index	-15.91%	-23.03%
Russell 1000 <sup>®</sup> Value Index	-27.40%	-28.28%
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Index	-31.92%	-32.98%
Russell Mid Cap Index	-27.28%	-29.96%

Source: Morningstar. Data as of March 27, 2020. **Data represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.** Please see page 2 for complete performance and index information.

- Most of the outperformance has been driven by stock selection. Top relative attributors during the correction include: **Verizon** (4.78% of the portfolio as of 2/29/20), which is a stable business even during difficult economic times, we believe the company could benefit from the rollout of 5G as data capacity and usage increases. Another attributor to performance was **Walmart** (2.49% of the portfolio as of 2/29/20). We believe the company's significant online presence could help offset weakness from brick and mortar locations. Low price retail has traditionally held up relatively well in a recession. In addition, **UPS** (2.49% of the portfolio as of 2/29/20) was a top relative attributor during the correction. The stock, in our opinion, could benefit from increased online shopping as consumers shop from home, though overall shipping will likely decline significantly in a recession.
- Though the biggest contributor from a sector allocation perspective was an underweight in energy, stock selection within energy hurt results. Leading oilfield services company **Schlumberger** (2.09% of portfolio as of 2/29/20), for example, has been the biggest overall detractor, relative to the benchmark, in the portfolio since the start of the correction. The Fund continues to have limited energy exposure due to weakening oil demand and rising supply from OPEC (The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries). In addition, holdings like **Elanco Animal Health** and **Wells Fargo** (4.19% and 1.92% of the portfolio as of 2/29/20, respectively) have hurt performance as they have underperformed during the period of market volatility.

## Fund Positioning

- New holdings include world-class brands that were previously too expensive, but are now trading at levels that offer potentially significant upside in our opinion, even if the recovery is “U” shaped rather than “V”shaped.
- We have also added to positions in home improvement retailers, which are helped by their contracting businesses. We believe contractors may be more likely to perform outdoor projects and will still need to repurchase construction materials. Also, small home repairs may increase as people spend more time at home.

## Outlook and Expectations

- The economic impact of the effort to contain the coronavirus is likely to be severe, with GDP (gross domestic product) likely to fall at a double digit percentage sequentially in the second quarter compared with the first quarter.
- Once the virus is contained, economic activity could pick up sharply, but we cannot predict the timing of this recovery.
- We believe this is an environment that is well suited to Pioneer Fund, as the portfolio can choose between growth and value stocks depending on the risk-reward profile our managers analyze for each company, while maintaining its discipline of seeking to invest in high quality, sustainable businesses that mitigate risk while generating long-term growth.

## Fund Performance (Y Share) versus Benchmark and Peers

	YTD As of 3/27/20	Market Correction 2/20/20- 3/27/20	Average Annual Total Returns(as of 12/31/19)				
			1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
<b>Pioneer Fund (Y Share - PYODX)</b>	-17.66%	-20.93%	31.31%	16.35%	11.56%	12.15%	11.93%
<b>S&amp;P 500® Index (Benchmark)</b>	-20.96%	-24.78%	31.49%	15.27%	11.70%	13.56%	9.48%
<b>Morningstar Large Blend Category Average</b>	-22.01%	-25.10%	28.62%	13.25%	9.52%	11.47%	8.34%

Gross expense ratio: 0.77%. Due to a new reduction in its expense cap effective 2/28/20, the net expense ratio is 0.70% (Class Y). Expense limitations in effect through May 1, 2021.

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**Overall Capture Ratio** greater than 1.0 indicates that the strategy captured proportionately more of the global market's upside than its downside during the period measured.

The portfolio is actively managed and current portfolio information is subject to change. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security.

#### **Performance Attribution: Additional Information**

This performance attribution seeks to identify and quantify the drivers of portfolio performance relative to that of its benchmark. Using FactSet software, we create hypothetical subportfolios by segmenting the portfolio and its benchmark, then measure the value (weight) and returns of those hypothetical subportfolios. This lets us measure the performance impact of a decision to overweight or underweight a portfolio segment. It also lets us measure the performance impact of a specific security selection within each segment.

The **S&P 500® Index** is the commonly used measure of the broad US stock market. The **Russell 1000® Growth Index** measures the performance of the large-capitalization growth sector of the US equity market. The **Russell 1000® Value Index** measures the performance of large cap US value stocks. The **Russell 2000® Index** measures the performance of the small cap segment of the US equity universe and is comprised of the smallest 2000 companies in the Russell 3000® Index, representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that Index. The **Russell Mid Cap Index** measures the performance of the mid cap sector of the US equity market. The **Morningstar Large Blend Category Average** tracks the performance of large cap blend funds within the Morningstar universe. Indices are unmanaged and their returns assume reinvestment of dividends and, unlike mutual fund returns, do not reflect any fees or expenses associated with a mutual fund. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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The Fund generally excludes corporate issuers that do not meet or exceed minimum ESG standards. Excluding specific issuers limits the universe of investments available to the Fund, which may mean forgoing some investment opportunities available to funds without similar ESG standards. At times, the Fund's investments may represent industries or industry sectors that are interrelated or have common risks, making it more susceptible to any economic, political, or regulatory developments or other risks affecting those industries and sectors. These risks may increase share price volatility.

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