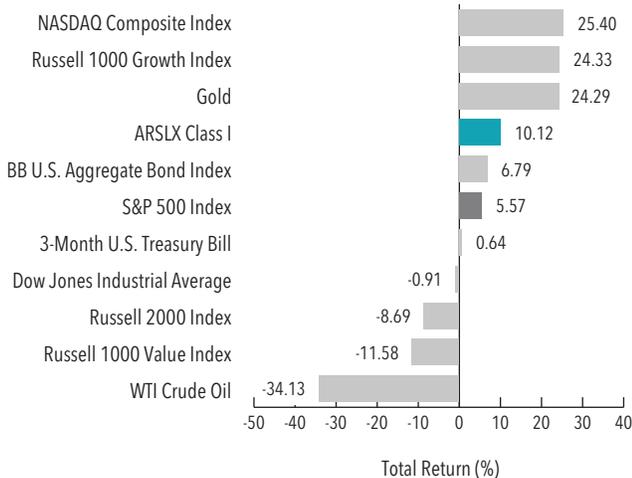


## 3Q 2020 Commentary

### Markets Review

Markets (total return) performed as follows:

#### Year to Date Returns



Sources: UMB Fund Services, Bloomberg

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The U.S. stock market continued to advance in July and August but then declined in September after reaching an all-time high early in the month. Overall, the S&P 500 Index posted an 8.93% return for the third quarter of 2020. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index also rose, posting a 0.62% quarterly gain. In terms of style, the Russell 1000 Growth Index continued to outperform its value counterpart. The Russell 1000 Growth Index outperformed value by 7.63% in the quarter, bringing its year-to-date outperformance to 24.33%, one of the largest in history.

On a sector basis, ten of the eleven sectors of the S&P 500 Index finished higher for the quarter, led by Consumer Discretionary, Materials and Industrials. The worst performers were Energy—the one decliner—followed by Real Estate and Financials.

The tragic impacts of the pandemic continued as the cumulative number of cases in the U.S. surpassed seven million and the number of related deaths eclipsed 200,000. However, the number of reported new daily cases significantly declined during the quarter. Furthermore, various economic data points rebounded, including the unemployment rate, which fell to 8.4%, and consumer spending, which turned positive from its double-digit decline in April. In addition to the improving statistics, several vaccine candidates reported positive early-stage trial results and the commencement of Phase 3 trials.

Meanwhile, the potential for additional fiscal stimulus continued to garner headlines throughout the quarter. While both houses of Congress have made various attempts to pass bills, as of this writing, no proposal has passed.

Lastly, attention increasingly shifted toward the upcoming November elections as President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden engaged in their first televised debate.

### Performance and Attribution Summary

For the third quarter of 2020, Aristotle Core Equity Fund posted a total return of 8.30% at NAV, underperforming the S&P 500 Index, which recorded a total return of 8.93%.

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During the third quarter, the Fund's underperformance relative to the S&P 500 Index can be attributed to allocation effects, while security selection contributed modestly to relative returns. Security selection in Consumer Discretionary, Energy and Financials, as well as an overweight in Health Care, detracted the most from relative performance. Conversely, security selection in Utilities, Information Technology, Industrials and Health Care contributed the most to relative results.

Relative Contributors	Relative Detractors
Trane Technologies	Phillips 66
Guardant Health	Cigna
Norfolk Southern	Bio-Techne
Thermo Fisher Scientific	EOG Resources
Abbott Laboratories	Teleflex

### Top Contributors

#### *Trane Technologies plc*

Trane reported second quarter revenue and earnings that exceeded consensus estimates. Results were largely driven by a strong recovery in the company's service-related businesses. Management indicated that the company is gaining market share in the residential air conditioning market, and that housing trends remained strong into the early part of the third quarter. Trends in Trane's commercial businesses remained negative, but management expects a recovery in the transportation business in 2021. Additionally, industry data from HARDI, an association of HVAC distributors, suggested a recovery in air conditioning unit sales in the third quarter.

***Guardant Health, Inc.***

Guardant shares were strong following the early August FDA approval of Guardant360, the company's blood liquid biopsy test. The test was approved for comprehensive tumor mutation profiling across all solid cancers. While the FDA approval was widely expected, the news of the approval increased shareholder interest and should enable the company to seek additional commercial insurance coverage for the test.

**Bottom Detractors*****Phillips 66***

Phillips 66 underperformed in the third quarter due to the overall negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on fuel demand. The company's second quarter earnings, announced in late July, further disappointed investors with a second-consecutive quarter of weakness in the refining segment, driven by lower realized margins and volumes. Shares of Phillips 66 remained under pressure throughout the third quarter on increasing concerns about the slowing global economic recovery with COVID-19 as infections began to rise again in Europe and the United States. We expect the company's refining business will continue to be affected by lower margins for the rest of 2020 but believe second quarter earnings marked the trough in earnings for the year, as strength in the company's chemicals and marketing segments could offset weakness in refining.

***Cigna Corporation***

Cigna shares underperformed in the third quarter as the managed care sector overall came under increased pressure over prospects of a "blue wave" in the upcoming November election. Speculation about a public health care option increased during the quarter, although this appears to be an unlikely outcome, in our view. However, a Democratic sweep of the elections could lead to increased access to Medicare, as well as more challenging business conditions for the public health insurance companies.

**Recent Fund Activity**

The table below shows all buys and sells completed during the quarter, followed by a brief rationale.

<b>Buys</b>	<b>Sells</b>
PayPal Holdings	Cisco Systems
Skyworks Solutions	Boeing
	Zions Bancorp
	Chevron

**Buys*****PayPal Holdings, Inc.***

PayPal's technology platform enables individuals and merchants to electronically transfer money via numerous methods, with payments originating from a customer's bank account, credit card or PayPal account. PayPal is a giant in the online payments industry with

nearly 350 million active accounts, including more than 26 million merchant accounts across more than 200 markets. It earns fees from payment transactions, foreign exchange and withdrawals from foreign bank accounts, as well as from interest on customer balances and PayPal-branded credit and debit cards. The firm processes over 10 billion payment transactions a year.

PayPal has benefited from the secular shift to e-commerce and digital payments, a trend that has accelerated with the onset of COVID-19. The company estimates that e-commerce as a percentage of retail sales is now at a level not expected for another five years. We believe PayPal is uniquely positioned to capitalize on this rapid growth and view the recent momentum as being sustainable, as the shift of consumer buying habits and patterns should continue to accelerate, and businesses will be forced to respond and rely on PayPal's technology payment platforms.

PayPal's second quarter earnings results demonstrated attractive margin leverage in the business model due to higher customer engagement and use of the company's core checkout function, which we view as a clear beneficiary of the acceleration in e-commerce growth. Margins expanded by 500 basis points to 28.2%, the highest level since the company separated from eBay. The company has further announced its intention to capitalize on strong operating momentum by increasing capital investment, which we believe will further accelerate PayPal's leadership in digital payments.

***Skyworks Solutions, Inc.***

Skyworks Solutions is a wireless semiconductor company that designs and manufactures radio frequency and complete semiconductor system solutions for mobile communications applications. The company provides front-end modules, radio frequency subsystems and system solutions to wireless handset and infrastructure customers worldwide. Its flagship handset products handle amplification, filtering, tuning, power management and audio processing in phones made by Apple, Samsung Electronics, Huawei, HTC and ZTE. The company also derives a significant portion of revenues from customers in the automotive, industrial, and health and medical industries.

In our view, Skyworks is uniquely leveraged to the proliferation of 5G wireless technology due to its leading position in radio frequency components, which are key technological components in 5G handsets and Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices. As global 5G technology rollout continues, the complexity for RF technology in 5G-enabled handsets increases significantly, likely benefiting market leaders such as Skyworks. We view the current progress of the global 5G network buildout and phone launch cycle as being in the early innings, suggesting a long runway of growth for Skyworks.

Skyworks maintains a debt-free balance sheet with strong free cash flow generation that we believe should support the company's ability to achieve strategic M&A and/or return significant capital to shareholders through buybacks and dividends.

## Sells

### *Cisco Systems, Inc.*

We sold our position in Cisco due to our expectation that upcoming fiscal fourth quarter earnings would reveal continued weak demand from enterprise and commercial IT customers. We were concerned that the company would continue to experience a lower order outlook, which could limit a potential revenue recovery over the next few quarters. While we continue to believe Cisco's shift to a software-centric business model could benefit gross margins and provide attractive future growth opportunities, we view this as a longer-term opportunity that likely does not offset near-term weakening in IT spending.

### *The Boeing Company*

We sold our position in Boeing due to concerns that the air travel industry recovery could take a significant amount of time. Airlines' staffing reductions that include pilots suggest to us that they are not expecting a bounce back in capacity in the near to medium term. In response, Boeing has been cutting back on production of several aircraft types, including the 787, 777 and 777X. Additionally, production of the 737 MAX is ramping up more slowly than expected following two fatal crashes and the subsequent grounding of the fleet in early 2019. Although a multi-year backlog of aircraft orders remains, cancellations have occurred, which indicates more cautious outlooks among carriers as well, in our view. Finally, due to uncertainty surrounding the 2020 presidential election, the U.S. defense budget could become a point of uncertainty for Boeing's defense businesses.

### *Zions Bancorp*

We sold our position in Zions due to increased uncertainty about the credit outlook, which is highly dependent on an uncertain economic outlook. Should the economy deteriorate more than expected over the coming months and quarters, Zions may not be adequately reserved for credit losses, in our view. With a larger concentration of small- and mid-sized business clients, the company may have significantly higher potential negative credit exposure than larger peers. In addition, like other banks, Zions continues to face the negative impact of low interest rates on revenue and margins. However, unlike our larger money center bank holdings,

Zions' business model is not diversified in other businesses that are currently enjoying strength, such as fixed income trading and investment banking.

### *Chevron Corporation*

We sold our position in Chevron due to our expectation of increased execution risk related to a lack of growth opportunities outside of the Permian Basin, as well as the company's increased reliance on international projects to support its future oil and gas production growth. The company has experienced cost overruns and additional delays at its Tengiz project expansion, and there remains the risk of further delays and budget increases, in our view. In addition, Chevron's second quarter earnings report revealed weaknesses in both its upstream and downstream refining businesses, which we expect to continue for at least the remainder of 2020.

## Outlook

The outlook for the U.S. equity market in the near term will be influenced by both the election and a fiscal stimulus package. The longer-term outlook remains positive with significant support from the Federal Reserve and the potential for a therapeutic or vaccine to treat COVID-19 and allow the economy to fully open. These events are supportive of equity prices benefiting from recovering earnings and low interest rates. If there is a clean sweep by the Democratic Party in November, the equity markets will have to adjust to higher tax levels. The offset to the higher tax levels will likely be additional fiscal stimulus, including the long-awaited infrastructure plan. The eventual full reopening of the economy with a potential infrastructure plan should help the more cyclical sectors that have been lagging since the pandemic hit. Once we are able to look back on the COVID-19 pandemic and evaluate the impact, we believe it will become increasingly clear that secular trends gained momentum during this critical period. We believe there will be a high probability of a significant increase globally in funding preparedness for the next potential pandemic. This funding should largely benefit the healthcare sector, with an initial focus on stockpiles of equipment and a longer-term focus on research to combat infectious diseases. Our strategy is to remain focused on these relevant secular trends, find attractive product cycles and, where possible in a difficult economic environment, find positive cyclical trends.

## Aristotle Core Equity Fund (Class I)

Performance Update

September 30, 2020

Total Return	3Q20	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception (3/31/17)	Gross/Net Expense Ratio
ARSLX Class I	8.30%	10.12%	19.63%	14.14%	14.58%	1.47%/0.65%
S&P 500 Index	8.93%	5.57%	15.15%	12.27%	12.80%	N/A

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*The Fund's Advisor has contractually agreed to waive certain fees and/or absorb expenses through April 30, 2021 to the extent that the total annual operating expenses do not exceed 0.65% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Fund's Advisor may seek reimbursement from the Fund for waived fees and/or expenses paid for three years from the date of the waiver or payment. A redemption fee of 1.00% will be imposed on redemptions of shares within 30 days.*

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The views in this letter were as of the date stated and may not necessarily reflect the same views on the date this letter is first published or any time thereafter. These views are intended to help shareholders in understanding the Fund's investment methodology and do not constitute investment advice.

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periods of economic expansion. The prices of foreign securities may be more volatile than the prices of securities of U.S. issuers because of economic and social conditions abroad, political developments, and changes in the regulatory environments of foreign countries. The Fund may invest a larger portion of its assets in one or more sectors than many other mutual funds, and thus will be more susceptible to negative events affecting those sectors.

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- The S&P 500® Index is the Standard & Poor's Composite Index of 500 stocks and is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices. This index has been selected as the benchmark and is used for comparison purposes only.
- The Russell 1000® Growth Index measures the performance of the large cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- The Russell 1000 Value® Index measures the performance of the large cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.
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- The NASDAQ Composite Index measures all NASDAQ domestic and international based common type stocks listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market. The NASDAQ Composite includes over 3,000 companies, more than most other stock market indexes.
- The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of domestic investment grade bonds, including corporate, government and mortgage-backed securities.
- The WTI Crude Oil Index is a major trading classification of sweet light crude oil that serves as a major benchmark price for oil consumed in the United States.
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As of September 30, 2020, the 10 largest holdings in the Fund and their weights as a percent of total net assets were: Microsoft Corp., 6.94%; Apple Inc., 6.64%; Amazon.com Inc., 5.81%; Alphabet Inc., 4.10%; Norfolk Southern Corp., 2.74%; Thermo Fisher Scientific, 2.63%; InterContinental Exchange Inc., 2.61%; JPMorgan Chase & Co., 2.34%; Broadcom Inc., 2.34%; Home Depot, Inc., 2.29%.

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