

# MATRIX ADVISORS VALUE FUND

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Dear Fellow Shareholder:

The Matrix Advisors Value Fund gained +11.81% in Q1, 2019, rebounding nicely from the Q4, 2018 market decline. This increase was modestly behind the S&P 500's gain of +13.65%, which was driven once again by robust performance in the Technology sector. Every portfolio sector in the Fund showed positive returns, most of them by double digits. We are optimistic about the Fund's prospects for the balance of the year as the Fund's component companies are operating at a high level and, in our opinion, their stock market valuations remain at a very attractive level relative to their near and longer-term prospects.

## Disclosure Note:

For your information, for the period ended March 31, 2019, the Fund's average annual total returns for the one-year, five-years, ten-years and for the period from July 1, 1996, the inception of Matrix Asset Advisors' involvement with the Fund were 2.58%, 5.23%, 11.92% and 7.45%, respectively. For the same periods the returns for the S&P 500 Index were 9.50%, 10.91%, 15.92% and 8.54%.

Gross Expense Ratio: 1.17%

Net Expense Ratio: 0.99%\*\*

*Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800-366-6223 or by visiting [www.matrixadvisorsvaluefund.com](http://www.matrixadvisorsvaluefund.com).*

\*\*The Advisor has contractually agreed to reduce fees through 10/31/19.

Investment performance reflects fee waivers in effect. In the absence of such waivers, total return would be reduced. Matrix Asset Advisors became the sub-advisor on July 1, 1996 and Advisor to the Fund on May 11, 1997. Prior to those dates, the Fund was managed by another advisor.

The Fund's Net Asset Value on 3/31/19 was \$65.40

The attached commentary provides a thorough discussion on what drove our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2019 returns and why we think the Fund is well positioned going forward.

We expect more volatility this year but think the market is poised to move higher as the year progresses. Our optimism is based on expectations for continued economic growth in the U.S. and a rebound in China and Europe. We are hopeful that there will be a resolution to the trade disputes with China and other countries, which we think continues to be a major risk to the global economy and stock markets.

Within the Fund, we anticipate good returns from all portfolio sectors in 2019, with particularly strong performance from last year's laggards; Communication Services, Energy, Financials and Industrials.

Matrix partners and associates are among the Fund's largest shareholders and our interests are directly aligned with yours. We believe the current portfolio should be positioned to return to favorable investment returns. We thank you for your investment and confidence in the Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Katz", written in a cursive style.

David A. Katz, CFA  
Fund Manager

**Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

**Earnings growth is not representative of the Fund's future performance.**

The information provided herein represents the opinion of the Matrix Advisors Value Fund management and is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results, nor investment advice.

The S&P500 Index is a broad-based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Must be preceded or accompanied by a prospectus.

**Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The stock of value companies can continue to be undervalued for long periods of time and not realize its expected value. The value of the Fund may decrease in response to the activities and financial prospects of an individual company. Growth stocks typically are more volatile than value stocks; however, value stocks have a lower expected growth rate in earnings and sales.**

Top Ten Holdings as of March 31, 2019

Microsoft Corporation.....	4.49%
J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.....	4.47%
Alphabet Inc. Class C.....	4.43%
Wells Fargo & Co.....	3.91%
Cisco Systems Inc.....	3.66%
Eaton Corp. PLC F.....	3.50%
Qualcomm.....	3.48%
Comcast Corp.....	3.44%
Gilead Sciences Inc.....	3.42%
Zimmer Biomet Holdings.....	3.42%

Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

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# **Matrix Advisors Value Fund, Inc.**

## **Capital Markets Commentary and Quarterly Report: 1st Quarter 2019**

The stock market<sup>1</sup> rallied strongly in Q1, reversing December's panic selling (the worst month since February 2009, in the depths of the Great Recession). The gains were propelled by good earnings reports and outlooks, the end of the government shut-down, signals from the White House that a trade deal with China was progressing, and news from the Federal Reserve that they were less inclined to raise interest rates this year. All market sectors were up in the quarter, with the best results in Technology. Matrix's portfolio was well positioned for the market's rally.

Bonds also had very good gains in the quarter after economic data was softer than expected in Q1, particularly out of China and Europe. The U.S. economy is very healthy compared to the rest of the world but is also showing some signs of slowing from 2018's strong performance. Strong consumer holiday spending and continued low unemployment was tempered by signs pointing to a slowdown in manufacturing activity, weaker housing starts and a decline in consumer confidence.

Q1 economic data, always suspect due to winter seasonal adjustments, were even less reliable than usual, due to the 35-day government shutdown from late December 2018 through January 25. That said, there is no doubt that early 2019 economic growth decelerated from last year's pace.

During the quarter, the Federal Reserve left its target range for the Federal Funds Rate unchanged at 2.25% to 2.50%, citing mixed economic data. The labor market remains strong they said, but economic activity has slowed since the fourth quarter.

Treasury interest rates fell to their lowest levels in a year and the 10-year Treasury yield inverted, dropping below the 3-month yield, for the first time since 2007, anticipating further economic weakness. The ten-year Treasury yield at the end of Q1 was 2.41%, down from 2.68% at the end of last year and the 2018 high of 3.24%, last November. While a good part of the decline was driven by the slowing U.S. economy and the change in the Fed's plan and outlook, it was also a reaction to the significant slowdown in the European economy and the sharp decline in European Bond rates. We do not believe that the temporary yield curve inversion in the U.S. is a harbinger of a recession, but rather is a transitory occurrence which will likely reverse in upcoming periods.

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this commentary, all references to the stock market's performance pertains to the S&P 500 Index.

In other news affecting the markets, U.S. political tensions were briefly calmed after the long-awaited Mueller report was released with the summary conclusion that President Trump and his 2016 campaign did not conspire or coordinate with Russia in its interference in the U.S. election, averting a political crisis that many had feared.

Brent crude oil rose 27% in Q1, following the previous quarter's collapse on concerns that the market would be oversupplied. In Q1, OPEC and Russia reiterated their intentions to restrict supply and raise prices, and Venezuela's production continues to decline while global demand remains healthy.

## **Market Outlook**

Looking ahead, we are expecting the economic data to improve with the weather and tax refunds, as it does almost every year. After the stock market's excellent showing in the first quarter, we expect volatility (both good and bad) and more moderate but solid gains for the rest of the year. But after the strong first quarter, it is reasonable to expect temporary pull backs along the way.

We believe last year's earnings gains of over 20%, combined with lower stock prices set up 2019 for above average returns. Even after the Q1 rally, stocks are trading at a reasonable 16.4x forward earnings, in a historic low interest rate environment, just above the 15.8x 20-year forward average. Our portfolio is trading at a lower multiple than the overall market, and we believe stocks are much more attractive than bonds from current levels.

In our year-end letter, we wrote that we believed the market would move meaningfully higher in 2019 and that the recovery might occur more quickly than many expected; happily, that outlook seems to be playing out. We also said that we anticipate good results from all our Fund portfolio sectors in 2019, with particularly strong performance from Communications Services, Energy, Financials and Industrials (among last year's worst performing portfolio sectors). We are staying with that call as well.

The biggest risk we see in the equity market is a trade war with China. We are hopeful that ultimately the U.S. and China will reach an agreement. Doing a deal is in everybody's interest and the downside of a trade war is great for both parties. We expect that after a lot of posturing, the two sides will create a workable trade deal.

We anticipate a lot of market volatility during the year, driven by continued geopolitical uncertainty and economic fits and starts, heightened by political tension and inflammatory rhetoric as the presidential election campaign moves into a higher gear.

We remain very cautious about fixed income investments after their recent rally. We expect the economy to continue to grow and the yield curve to steepen. We believe the next

significant move in bonds yields is higher rather than lower and we greatly prefer high quality and short to intermediate-term maturities for the upcoming year.

**Fund Performance:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Review**

The Matrix Advisors Value Fund had a strong quarter, posting an 11.81% return. The portfolio's component companies are operating at a high level, with most of our holdings reporting earnings at or above analyst estimates in the latest reporting period. We think the solid start to the year, positions us well for a strong 2019 on both an absolute and relative basis.

In Q1, every Fund portfolio sector showed positive returns, most of them by double digits. During the quarter, we completed the sale of our position in Chubb, reinvesting the proceeds in other Financial stocks we think have more upside appreciation potential. We also modestly scaled back our holdings in Cisco and Microsoft whose positions had become outsized. We used the proceeds from these and other sales to add to our positions in CBS, CVS Health, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Viacom.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about the Fund's prospects for the balance of the year, based on attractive valuation and strong fundamentals.

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Thank you for your continued confidence in the Fund. Please know that everyone here is working hard to reward your trust. Please contact us with any questions or comments. Best regards.