

# VICTORY DIVERSIFIED STOCK FUND

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY



As of March 31, 2025

### Investment Philosophy

The Victory Diversified Stock Fund invests in companies that we believe demonstrate strong earnings growth, a healthy return on invested capital, and positive earnings/price momentum combined with a reasonable valuation over a wide spectrum of market capitalizations. We are confident that this combination of characteristics positions the Fund for strong competitive performance. These are the characteristics that have historically contributed to Munder's successful long-term record, and we firmly believe they should continue to serve our investors well.

### Market Overview

In the first quarter, the Victory Diversified Stock Fund A-Shares (*without sales charge*) underperformed its S&P 500® Index benchmark by 95 basis points (bps). Sector allocation contributed to performance but was more than offset by the negative impact of stock selection. Stock selection was most negative in Energy and Industrials. The Fund's average sector allocation was close to benchmark weight, with the exceptions being an overweight in Health Care and Financials, an underweight in Consumer Staples and Technology, and no Utilities exposure during the quarter.

Within the S&P 500® Index benchmark, the S&P 500® Value Index outperformed the S&P 500® Growth Index, driven by reversals in the mega-cap growth stocks hit by fears of recession, trade wars, and government spending cuts. The Fund's style factor exposure to Growth was the largest contributor to performance, while size and market sensitivity were the biggest detractors.

The Fund's stock selection was strongest in the Health Care and Consumer Discretionary sectors. Within Health Care, Halozyme Therapeutics and Cencora were the best performers. Halozyme recovered from its takeover attempt of Evotec by posting strong Q4 earnings and reiterating full-year guidance for 2025. Cencora surprised investors with another quarter of strong results in its U.S. Healthcare segment that led to raised guidance as well. In Consumer Discretionary, an underweight in Tesla Motors contributed significantly to performance as poor volumes and weaker pricing reversed the company's election-fueled speculation.

Negative stock selection came almost entirely from Industrials and Energy. Within Industrials, Parsons Corp. and Federal Signal were the biggest detractors. Parsons was among the consultants and contractors hit hardest by fears of canceled government contracts and other spending cuts driven by the new administration and its Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Federal Signal posted earnings that underwhelmed investors in its Public/Government segment, sparking similar fears that the shortfall could be austerity related. In Energy, Matador Resources lagged as concerns over the future of oil prices weighed on most producers.

On an individual basis, the top positive active contributing stocks were the aforementioned Halozyme and Tesla underweights, while the top negative active contributing stocks were Parsons and Federal Signal. These names contributed nearly 40 and 30 bps of underperformance respectively, and while we sold our position in Parsons, we believe spending fears at Federal Signal are overblown and we have maintained our holdings.

At quarter-end, the Fund is overweight in the Health Care and Financials sectors and underweight in Technology and Utilities (no exposure).

Overall, the Fund's market capitalization is approximately 9% lower than the benchmark on a weighted market-cap basis. The Fund continues to have positive exposure to Earnings Yield, Growth, Market Sensitivity, and Profitability.

\*A basis point is 1/100 of a percent.

Top 5 Contributors (%)	Contribution to Absolute Return
Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.	0.43
Cencora, Inc.	0.29
W. R. Berkley Corporation	0.23
Brown & Brown, Inc.	0.21
Novartis AG Sponsored ADR	0.19
Top 5 Detractors (%)	Contribution to Absolute Return
NVIDIA Corporation	-1.07
Apple Inc.	-0.95
Alphabet Inc. Class C	-0.70
Microsoft Corporation	-0.62
Broadcom Inc.	-0.55

Top Ten Holdings	% Fund
Apple Inc.	7.45
Microsoft Corporation	5.58
NVIDIA Corporation	3.85
Alphabet Inc. Class C	3.47
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.34
Eli Lilly and Company	2.79
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	2.49
Visa Inc. Class A	2.12
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	1.78
Cencora, Inc.	1.72

**Investment Performance (%)**

Average Annual Returns As of March 31, 2025

Victory Diversified Stock Fund (Class A – SRVEX)	Q1 2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (10/28/89)	Expense Ratio	
			Gross	Net					
A Shares, without sales charge	-5.46	-5.46	6.54	9.16	19.85	10.48	10.39	1.07	1.07
A Shares, with sales charge (max. 5.75%)	-10.90	-10.90	0.42	7.02	18.43	9.82	10.20	1.07	1.07
S&P 500® Index	-4.27	-4.27	8.25	9.06	18.59	12.50	-	-	-

Source: Victory Capital data analyzed through Zephyr

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**Contributors and Detractors** Source: FactSet. The top contributors and detractors are presented to illustrate examples of the portfolio's investments and may not be representative of the portfolio's current or future investments. The percent displayed is contribution to return. Holdings are as of quarter end and may change at any time.

**The S&P 500® Index** is a market-capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the common stocks of 500 leading U.S. companies.

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