

Overview

The Applied Finance Explorer Fund returned 15.56% in the 2nd quarter vs 15.52% for the Morningstar US Market Index and 14.00% for the Morningstar US Small Cap Market Index. Small cap stocks outperformed their large cap peers, with the Russell 1000 returning 15.14% during Q2. Since inception in June 2015, the Applied Finance Explorer Fund has outperformed comparable small cap indices by more than 200 basis points annually.

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Applied Finance Explorer (AFDZX)	17.36%	28.46%	16.88%	10.69%	14.55%	11.72%
Morningstar US Market	10.69%	22.55%	20.48%	12.45%	15.15%	13.65%
Morningstar US Small Cap Market	14.01%	26.95%	15.57%	6.85%	10.67%	9.06%
Russell 2000 Value	22.99%	43.01%	18.73%	8.23%	10.89%	9.39%
Russell 2000	22.57%	40.78%	18.60%	6.98%	11.62%	9.66%
Russell 2000 Growth	22.18%	38.74%	18.44%	5.57%	11.97%	9.58%

	April	May	June	Q2
Applied Finance Explorer (AFDZX)	8.31%	0.23%	6.45%	15.56%
Morningstar US Market	10.42%	5.17%	-0.53%	15.52%
Morningstar US Small Cap Market	7.72%	1.88%	3.88%	14.00%
Russell 2000 Value	9.66%	2.79%	3.97%	17.19%
Russell 2000	12.21%	4.37%	3.74%	21.49%
Russell 2000 Growth	14.69%	5.84%	3.55%	25.71%

The Fund's past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund 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 period. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 1-800-673-0550. Returns over one year are annualized. End date 6/30/2026 for all returns. Since Inception data from 6/11/2015.

Performance Attribution

Relative to the overall market, Explorer Fund performance during the quarter was helped by strong results from Consumer Staples, Materials, Real Estate and Communication Services sectors. Attribution effects from stock selection was positive across all sectors. Performance between the Russell 2000 and Russell 2000 Value diverged most across a few sectors like Information Technology, the leading sector this quarter, with Russell 2000 Value IT stocks returning roughly 25% more than the Russell 2000's 57.57%, though their weighting was about 6% lower, so IT contributed more to the Russell 2000's overall return. Health Care and Industrials also drove the divergence, as both carried greater weight and delivered higher returns in the Russell 2000 Value than in the Russell 2000.

On an absolute sector basis, the best performing sectors for the Morningstar US Market Index were IT, Industrials and Health Care while the worst performing sectors were Energy, Utilities and Consumer Staples.

For the Explorer Fund, the best absolute performing sectors were IT, Real Estate and Industrials, while the worst performing sectors were Energy and Utilities.

On an accounting multiple factor basis, the Explorer Fund carries a lower P/B ratio, lower P/E ratio, lower P/S ratio and lower P/EBITDA ratio compared to the Morningstar US Market Index.

P/B Ratio – Explorer Fund: 1.67, Morningstar US Market Index: 2.66, Morningstar US Small Cap Market Index: 2.37

P/E Ratio – Explorer Fund: 12.73, Morningstar US Market Index: 18.54, Morningstar US Small Cap Market Index: 16.75

P/EBITDA Ratio – Explorer Fund: 6.18, Morningstar US Market Index: 10.48, Morningstar US Small Cap Market Index: 9.42

P/S Ratio – Explorer Fund: 0.97, Morningstar US Market Index: 1.65, Morningstar US Small Cap Market Index: 1.45

On an Applied Finance factor basis, the Explorer Fund benefited from Applied Finance EM and Price Momentum variables. Full details on Applied Finance factors are on page 3 of this report.

Sector and accounting multiple factor (using weighted harmonic averages) data sourced from Morningstar Direct Attribution Analysis. Data from 3/31/2026 – 6/30/2026. Applied Finance factor data sourced from Applied Finance database.

Explorer Current Positioning

Applied Finance calculates Intrinsic Value upside on more than 3000 US publicly traded stocks on a weekly basis, with historical data going back to the 1990's. While this data is useful in helping Applied Finance identify individual securities to include in our Valuation-driven investment strategies, aggregate Intrinsic Value data can also be used to study the Intrinsic Value characteristics of popular size & style methodologies used to form passive indices. The chart below represents the Z-score of the Intrinsic Value upside of the Russell 1000 vs the Russell 2000 (all on a market cap basis).

A few trends can be seen over time: in the late 1990's through mid-2002, small cap stocks had more attractive Intrinsic Value upside compared to their large cap peers. This trend reversed following the collapse of the tech bubble, and normalization occurred in the mid 2000's, with large caps showing significant relative upside around the '08 Financial crisis. From 2003 through near 2020, large caps also offered consistently higher Intrinsic Value upside compared to their smaller peers. As of 6/30/2026, the Russell 1000 exhibits greater normalized upside attractiveness than the Russell 2000, underscoring the discipline required to navigate the small cap space.

Russell 1000 vs. Russell 2000: Intrinsic Value Upside Z-Score



Portfolio	Equity Positions	Relative Valuation Upside vs Russell 3000	EM+1
AFCM Explorer (Exp)	139	44.5%	8.5%
Benchmark	Equity Positions	Relative Valuation Upside vs Russell 3000	EM+1
Russell 2000 Growth (IWO)	1124	-55.4%	1.1%
Russell 2000 (IWM)	2001	-43.7%	-0.2%
Russell 2000 Value (IWN)	1412	-32.2%	-1.5%
Russell 3000 (IWV)	2588	0.0%	12.3%
Morningstar Mid Growth (IMCG)	260	-39.1%	7.1%
Morningstar Mid (IMCB)	395	-28.3%	5.2%
Morningstar Mid Value (IMCV)	270	-16.0%	3.2%
Morningstar Small Growth (ISCG)	932	-52.1%	2.3%
Morningstar Small (ISCB)	1584	-35.3%	2.1%
Morningstar Small Value (ISCV)	1056	-18.7%	1.7%

Diving further into strategy specific data, the table to the left shows the Applied Finance Explorer Fund relative to other small/mid cap universes. The two columns to the right of this table offer a comparison of the Intrinsic Value upside and forecasted Economic Margin (EM +1) levels for each portfolio on an investment-weight basis. Comparing small and mid-cap passive indices, value strategies tend to offer elevated upside compared to their growth peers. The valuation gap between value and growth indices is most pronounced in methodologies that include unprofitable stocks (Russell & Morningstar). Comparing the Explorer Fund to these passive alternatives highlights that the 139 holdings in the Fund have offered higher Intrinsic Value upside and generated higher levels of economic profits than the portfolios of popular size & style benchmarks.



Factor Performance

Applied Finance proprietary factors saw mixed results in Q2 in the small cap space. The top quintile of the firm's overall Company Grade (a grade created from a combination of Valuation, Wealth Creation/Quality and Momentum factors) underperformed by 0.7%, while the bottom quintile outperformed by 4.2%.

Sector by sector performance varied, with Real Estate, Financials & Utilities sectors having the highest Company Grade long/short spreads and Tech, Materials & Consumer Staples having the lowest long/short Company Grade spreads.

Company Grade	Returns (%)			Spreads vs Uni (%)	
	Uni	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile
All Sectors	22.6	26.8	21.9	4.2	-0.7
Comm Services	27.5	33.7	28.9	6.1	1.3
Cons Discr	19.6	21.1	17.9	1.5	-1.7
Cons Stpls	9.2	8.6	-5.7	-0.6	-14.9
Energy	-8.2	-8.3	-8.2	0.0	0.1
Financials	16.8	16.7	24.9	-0.1	8.1
Health Care	24.9	26.4	26.7	1.6	1.9
Industrials	27.0	31.6	24.6	4.5	-2.5
Technology	55.3	57.9	41.8	2.6	-13.6
Materials	10.9	21.9	7.4	10.9	-3.5
Real Estate	20.5	8.3	27.0	-12.2	6.5
Utilities	2.2	-0.7	3.8	-2.8	1.7

Earnings Quality	Returns (%)			Spreads vs Uni (%)	
	Uni	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile
All Sectors	24.3	30.0	25.7	5.7	1.4
Comm Services	27.5	63.3	21.5	35.7	-6.1
Cons Discr	19.3	15.7	18.8	-3.5	-0.5
Cons Stpls	9.2	8.3	8.4	-0.9	-0.8
Energy	-8.2	-9.0	-11.1	-0.8	-2.9
Financials	14.9	22.9	29.4	7.9	14.5
Health Care	24.7	32.2	26.9	7.5	2.2
Industrials	27.1	31.0	29.5	3.8	2.3
Technology	55.3	51.1	75.1	-4.3	19.8
Materials	11.3	3.2	17.3	-8.1	6.0
Real Estate					
Utilities	2.2	9.5	-5.5	7.4	-7.7

Valuation	Returns (%)			Spreads vs Uni (%)	
	Uni	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile
All Sectors	22.6	28.9	17.3	6.3	-5.3
Comm Services	27.5	29.7	25.6	2.1	-1.9
Cons Discr	19.6	21.3	14.0	1.7	-5.6
Cons Stpls	9.2	12.9	-0.7	3.7	-9.9
Energy	-8.2	-11.2	-9.9	-3.0	-1.7
Financials	16.8	16.8	18.7	0.1	1.9
Health Care	24.9	28.3	16.1	3.4	-8.8
Industrials	27.0	39.6	13.4	12.6	-13.5
Technology	55.0	65.7	34.4	10.6	-20.7
Materials	10.9	24.8	-1.1	13.8	-12.1
Real Estate	20.5	4.6	34.2	-16.0	13.7
Utilities	2.2	-8.3	33.1	-10.5	30.9

Economic Momentum	Returns (%)			Spreads vs Uni (%)	
	Uni	Low % Change	High % Change	Low % Change	High % Change
All Sectors	22.6	25.5	26.0	2.8	3.4
Comm Services	27.5	22.9	32.7	-4.6	5.2
Cons Discr	19.6	35.3	27.0	15.8	7.4
Cons Stpls	9.2	7.7	-6.0	-1.5	-15.2
Energy	-8.2	-8.6	-9.9	-0.4	-1.7
Financials	16.8	17.4	23.8	0.6	6.9
Health Care	24.9	27.6	30.5	2.7	5.6
Industrials	26.9	25.7	37.0	-1.2	10.1
Technology	55.5	60.1	67.6	4.6	12.1
Materials	10.9	11.7	-4.2	0.7	-15.2
Real Estate	20.5	35.1	23.8	14.6	3.3
Utilities	2.2	1.0	-0.2	-1.2	-2.4

Wealth Creation	Returns (%)			Spreads vs Uni (%)	
	Uni	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass
All Sectors	22.6	23.9	22.0	1.2	-0.7
Comm Services	27.5	31.2	25.4	3.6	-2.1
Cons Discr	19.6	17.9	20.1	-1.7	0.5
Cons Stpls	9.2	15.1	7.1	5.9	-2.1
Energy	-8.2	-7.1	-8.8	1.2	-0.6
Financials	16.8	16.5	17.0	-0.3	0.2
Health Care	24.9	21.4	26.8	-3.4	1.9
Industrials	27.1	26.3	27.2	-0.8	0.1
Technology	55.3	60.5	51.9	5.2	-3.5
Materials	10.9	10.4	11.2	-0.5	0.2
Real Estate	20.5	23.2	19.6	2.7	-0.9
Utilities	2.2	1.7	2.3	-0.5	0.2

Price Momentum	Returns (%)			Spreads vs Uni (%)	
	Uni	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile	Bottom Quintile	Top Quintile
All Sectors	22.4	19.7	27.6	-2.6	5.3
Comm Services	27.5	20.5	28.2	-7.0	0.7
Cons Discr	20.1	24.0	15.5	3.9	-4.6
Cons Stpls	9.2	10.7	12.2	1.5	3.0
Energy	-8.2	-13.1	-6.8	-4.9	1.5
Financials	17.0	17.5	23.4	0.5	6.4
Health Care	24.8	19.7	26.8	-5.1	2.0
Industrials	26.3	18.5	28.9	-7.8	2.6
Technology	53.5	34.8	88.3	-18.8	34.8
Materials	10.9	20.5	2.6	9.5	-8.3
Real Estate	20.5	20.3	28.8	-0.3	8.2
Utilities	2.2	6.2	-14.7	4.1	-16.8

Disclosures

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. This and other information is contained in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which may be obtained online or by calling 1-800-673-0550. Please read and carefully consider the prospectus before investing. The Applied Finance Explorer Fund is distributed by Foreside Fund Services, LLC.

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Information About Risk:

Equity Securities Risk: Since the Explorer Fund invests in equity securities, it is subject to the risk that stock prices will fall over short or extended periods of time. Historically, the equity markets have moved in cycles, and the value of the Explorer Fund's equity securities may fluctuate from day to day. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The prices of securities issued by such companies may suffer a decline in response. These factors contribute to price volatility, which is a principal risk of investing in the Explorer Fund.

Market Risk: The value of securities in the Explorer Fund's portfolio will fluctuate and, as a result, the Explorer Fund's share price may decline suddenly or over a sustained period. The equity securities purchased by the Explorer Fund may involve large price swings and potential for loss.

Management Risk: The strategies used by the Adviser may fail to produce the intended result.

Small Cap Risk: Smaller, less established companies may be unable to attain the high growth rates of successful, larger companies during periods of economic expansion.

Risks of Investment Selection and Asset Allocation: The Explorer Fund's investment success depends on the skill of the Adviser in evaluating, selecting and monitoring the portfolio assets. If the Adviser's conclusions about growth rates or securities values are incorrect, the Explorer Fund may not perform as anticipated.

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Key Definitions:

Total Returns: returns of stocks including Dividends and gross of fees and transaction costs.

Net Returns: returns of stocks including Dividends and net of fees and transaction costs.

Relative Valuation Upside vs Russell 3000: The aggregate investment-weight Intrinsic Value upside (including three years of analyst forecast data) of a portfolio/benchmark relative to the Intrinsic Value upside of the Russell 3000 Index as a baseline, using Applied Finance's proprietary calculations for Intrinsic Value.

EM +1: The forecasted Economic Margin for the current year using Applied Finance's proprietary calculation, for the portfolio. Economic Margin is the combination estimated cash flow, capital, and capital charges of a company into a single measure of corporate performance based on firm-specific capital and risk characteristics. Economic Profit refers to the absolute spread a company generates between operating cash flow in excess of its capital charge, while Economic Margin refers to the Economic Profit level as a percentage of each firm's productive capital base.

Company Grade: an overall score that combines Valuation, Wealth Creation, Earnings Quality, Economic Momentum and Price Momentum quintiles into one measure.

Valuation Grade: Applied Finance's proprietary measure of intrinsic value scored on a relative basis to other companies.

Wealth Creation Grade: Applied Finance's proprietary measure of management quality scored on a pass/fail basis.

Earnings Quality Grade: a measure of accounting accruals using balance sheet assets, scored relative to other companies.

Economic Momentum Grade: a measure of forecasted economic margin improvements or declines.

Price Momentum Grade: a measure of total return relative to other stocks.

Information provided with respect to the Fund's Portfolio Holdings, Sector Weightings, and Number of Holdings are as of June 30, 2026 and are subject to change at any time.