



Leuthold Core Investment Fund

(LCORX / LCRIX)

January 27, 2010: Report for 4th Quarter 2009

As of 12/31/09, Lipper ranks the **Leuthold Core Investment Fund performance in the top 18% on a 10-year basis, top 11% on a 5-year basis, top 19% on a 3-year basis, and top 30% on a 1-year basis** within Lipper's Flexible Portfolio classification. This classification contained 50 Funds, 81 Funds, 121 Funds, and 174 Funds, respectively, for the 10-year, 5-year, 3-year, and 1-year time frames measured through 12/31/09.

THE LEUTHOLD CORE INVESTMENT FUND HAS **RE-OPENED** TO ACCEPT NEW INVESTMENT FROM **EXISTING** SHAREHOLDERS

Fund Philosophy

"Our definition of long-term investment success is making money...and keeping it."

Note: Philosophy is viewpoint of the Advisor and is no guarantee of long-term results.

Investment Strategy

Flexible, Value-Oriented, Risk-Averse Objective

Leuthold Core Investment Fund has the flexibility to adjust asset class exposure in order to avoid undue risk, and attempt to take advantage of areas that appear poised to outperform.

Assets will be allocated in varying degrees, between stocks, bonds, money market instruments, and certain foreign securities.

Symbol / CUSIP

LCORX / 527289102
LCRIX / 527289409

Assets under Mgmt.

\$1,474,150,002

Portfolio Managers

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Q4 and 2009 Review

Well, 2009 has left us feeling much better than at the end of 2008, but there is still work to do. For the entire year, the Leuthold Core Investment Fund is up +27.49% (total return), slightly outpacing the S&P 500¹ (+26.45% total return), but lagging the Lipper Flexible Fund¹ Index (+29.19% total return). During the fourth quarter ended 12/31/09, the Core Fund had a relatively disappointing total return gain of +3.61%, while the S&P 500 was up +6.04% total return. It is important to remember that this Fund has a guideline maximum equity exposure level of 70%, making the S&P 500 a challenging benchmark to beat in up markets, but one that we have still been able to best over the last one-year, three-year, and ten-year performance periods.

A key contributor to the Fund's performance was its overweight exposure to Emerging Market equities. In 2009, there was an average 16% of Fund assets invested in Emerging Market stocks, which generated an impressive total return gain of nearly +80% for the year, far outpacing the S&P 500 (+26.45% total return) and MSCI All World¹ Index (+35.41% total return). The Fund's U.S.-traded equity exposure, Select Industries, was also up nicely (+18.62% total return) for the year ended 12/31/09, but it did not keep pace with the stronger gain in the S&P 500 (+26.45% total return in 2009). Select Industries is the Fund's primary equity component, with a focus on industry group leadership, and made up an average of 51% of the Core Fund assets during 2009. As we recovered from the bear market in 2009, there were very few groups producing sustainable periods of leadership, but we expect this to change in 2010. Overall, the Core Fund's solid performance in 2009 illustrates the benefits of the Fund's diversification and flexibility with asset allocation.

- We continue to believe that one of the keys to outperformance over the next several years will be exposure to Emerging Markets...this is where we believe the strongest growth will come from, but these markets will also be volatile.
- The Core Fund currently has 19% of total assets committed directly to Emerging Market equities, while the industry group-driven Select Industries equity holdings (now 46% of total assets) provides an additional 5-6% exposure to emerging markets and 10% to developed foreign markets.

Note: Performance data quoted herein represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal will fluctuate so that investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, please call Leuthold Fund Shareholder Services, toll-free: 1-800-273-6886.

Per Prospectus dated 1/31/09, excluding dividends on short positions and acquired fund fees, annual net operating expense charged to shareholders for LCORX was 1.11%. (Gross operating expense including dividends on short positions and acquired fund fees was 1.38%.)

Net equity exposure was right up at the maximum allowable level of 70% for almost all of the fourth quarter, but was tactically reduced to 65% in mid/late December in anticipation of initial weakness in 2010, following the strong performance of 2009. Our stock market analysis continues to be in bullish ground at the beginning of 2010, which indicates to us that stocks could continue to move higher. However, it would not be a surprise to us to see the stock market peak sometime mid-year, and then move lower by the end of 2010.

Investors are probably tired of hearing us saying there is little that is attractive to us in the fixed income market. We still have about 7% of assets invested in Brazilian Bonds, which continue to look attractive even after a nearly +63% total return gain in 2009. We also had success in 2009 investing in High Yield Bonds, but based on our analysis of yield spreads, High Yield Bonds have recently moved out of the attractive zone. During the fourth quarter, we began taking some profits and now have only about 4% of assets invested here. For all of 2009, the High Yield bonds produced over a +35% total return gain.

Proceeds from the High Yield Bond reduction were used to establish a new position in something we internally call "Better Than Bonds," which is a play on high yielding stocks. At the beginning of 2010, we created this by purchasing a package of six stocks that have a high, healthy dividend. We rolled the existing REIT allocation into this concept, bringing the full holding up to 9% of portfolio assets. Lastly, because we expect bond yields to move significantly higher, we have implemented a small (6%) fixed income hedge in an attempt to capitalize on that rising trend.

- The Core Fund continues to hold positions in physical gold and silver as a future inflation hedge. Since being established in April 2009, the gold holding has generated about a +23% total return gain, while the silver is up about +44% total return. We anticipate increasing this precious metals allocation if prices pull back some, as we believe monetary debasement inflation continues to be a long term threat.

We are optimistic about the prospects for the Core Fund. The stock market and economic landscape seem to be evolving in such a way that the disciplined, yet flexible methodologies we employ in this Fund will attempt to serve to maximize returns through deft navigation of a potentially vulnerable stock market later in 2010. We are also confident that the industry group selection that drives the Select Industries equity allocation will be able to position assets in equity groups that may be poised to become market leaders. Overall, we expect 2010 to be a good year for the Leuthold Core Investment Fund.

¹ S&P 500, Lipper Flexible Fund Index, and MSCI All World Index are unmanaged indexes and cannot be invested in directly. Gaining exposure to a benchmark index may be attainable through index funds and ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds).

Leuthold Core Investment Fund

Asset Allocation January 2010

Equities	
U.S. Focused Equities* (Select Industries)	46.0%
Emerging Country Equities*	19.0%
Net Equity Exposure	65.0%
Fixed Income	
Brazilian Bonds*	7.0%
High Yield Bonds*	4.0%
Fixed Income Hedge	(6.0%)
Fixed Income Exposure	5.0%
Other	
REITs & Higher Yielding Stocks	9.0%
Gold & Silver	3.0%
Cash	
Cash Equivalents	6.0%

*U.S. Focused Equities may include foreign issues which actively trade on U.S. or foreign exchanges. Emerging Country Equities and Foreign Bonds have additional risks, including, but not limited to: higher volatility, political instability and changes in currency rates. High Yield Bonds involve additional risks, such as lower credit quality and less liquidity. For additional information, please see the Prospectus. To request a copy, call toll-free: 1-800-273-6886; or you may download from www.LeutholdFunds.com

Return Statistics*

Standard Deviation (Annualized):	11.45
R-squared:	44.36
Alpha:	0.54
Beta:	0.47
Sharpe Ratio:	0.56

*Statistics use monthly gross returns calculated since inception against the S&P 500. "Standard Deviation" measures historical volatility, typically using 36 months of data; "R-squared" measures how closely the Fund's performance correlated with the S&P 500 (0=no correlation, 100=perfect correlation); "Alpha" measures risk adjusted performance: a higher alpha indicates better performance than expected given its beta; "Beta" measures the volatility versus the S&P 500: if beta < 1, fund is less volatile and beta > 1 indicates fund is more volatile; "Sharpe Ratio" measures risk vs. reward (higher Sharpe ratio = better risk-adjusted performance).

Statistics calculation source: *FactSet Research Systems*
Data as of 12/31/09

U.S. Traded Equities: Industry Group Weights

Systems Software	12%
Managed Health Care	10%
Paper Products	9%
Diversified Foreign Banks	9%
Integrated Telecom	8%
Data Processing & Outsourced Services	8%
Industrial Conglomerates	7%
IT Consulting & Services	7%
Diversified Financial Services	7%
Consumer Electronics	6%
Independent Power Producers	6%
Computer & Electronics Retail	5%
"Holding Tank"	6%

*Stocks held in the "Holding Tank" are positions from industry group allocations that were deactivated from the equity portfolio. Stocks from deactivated groups are retained until they fail to outperform the market over the next calendar month period.

Data as of 12/31/09

U.S. Traded Equity Characteristics vs. S&P 500

	Fund	S&P 500
Median Market Cap:	\$6,751MM	\$8,982MM
Portfolio Beta:	1.16x	1.00x
Wt. Median Price/Earnings:	17.9x	17.7x
Price/Cash Flow:	8.0x	10.6x
Price/Book:	2.0x	2.7x
Price/Sales:	1.1x	1.7x
ROA:	3.8%	6.1%
ROE:	11.6%	13.9%
Operating Margin:	14.1%	18.3%
Net Margin:	4.9%	8.0%
LT Debt/Capital:	28.7%	32.1%

Source: *FactSet Research Systems and Standard & Poor's*
Data as of 12/31/09

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Total Returns

Periods Ended December 31, 2009

	Annualized Returns						LCORX Cumulative Returns				
	Q4 2009	1-Year (12 mo.)	3-Year (36 mo.)	5-Year (60 mo.)	10-Year (120 mo.)	Since Incept. LCORX*	Since Incept. LCRIX*	3-Year (36 mo.)	5-Year (60 mo.)	10-Year (120 mo.)	Since Incept. (11/20/95)
Core Fund (Retail - LCORX)	3.61%	27.49%	3.25%	7.19%	9.00%	9.91%	NA*	10.08%	41.54%	136.65%	279.49%
Core Fund (Institutional - LCRIX)**	3.55	27.65	3.36	NA	NA	NA*	4.82%	NA	NA	NA	NA
S&P 500	6.04	26.45	-5.63	0.42	-0.95	6.40	-1.36	-15.96	2.10	-9.09	140.08
NASDAQ Composite	7.20	45.35	-1.17	1.70	-5.10	6.22	0.45	-3.47	8.81	-40.75	134.21
Lipper Flexible Fund Index	3.98	29.19	-0.31	3.50	2.32	5.88	2.04	-0.94	18.80	25.81	123.87
Dow Jones Industrials	8.09	22.65	-3.12	1.94	1.31	7.63	1.65	-9.08	10.07	13.85	182.41

* Institutional share class minimum is \$1 million; LCORX Inception Date is 11/20/95, LCRIX Inception Date is 1/31/06.

• S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy based on the changing aggregate market value of these 500 stocks.

• NASDAQ Composite Index is a broad-based capitalization-weighted index of all NASDAQ National Market and Small Cap stocks.

• Lipper Flexible Fund Index, as defined by Lipper Inc., is composed of funds that allocate investments across various asset classes, with a focus on total return.

• Dow Jones Industrial is a price-weighted average of 30 blue-chip stocks that are generally the leaders in their industry.

The S&P 500, NASDAQ Composite, Lipper Flexible Fund, and Dow Jones Industrial are indices only and cannot be invested in directly. Fund performance return figures are historical and reflect the change in share price, reinvested distributions, change in net asset value, and capital gains distributions, if any.

Expense Ratio Disclosure:

Per the Prospectus dated 1/31/09, excluding dividends on short positions and acquired fund fees, the net operating expenses were 1.11% and 1.01%, respectively, for LCORX and LCRIX (gross operating expenses including dividends on short positions and acquired fund fees were 1.38% and 1.28%, respectively).

Please refer to the Prospectus for a more detailed explanation of the expense ratios.

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