# FIDELITY FUNDS AMERICAN DIVERSIFIED FUND A-USD

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QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

30 SEPTEMBER 2018

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# Performance for 12 month periods in USD (%)

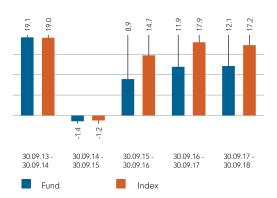


| Fund         | 6.4 |
|--------------|-----|
| Market index | 7.6 |

S&P 500 Index (Net)

Market index is for comparative purposes only

Source of fund performance is Fidelity. Basis: nav-nav with income reinvested, in USD, net of fees. Other share classes may be available. Please refer to the prospectus for more details.



## **Market Environment**

US equities rallied in the third quarter and posted the highest gains since the fourth quarter of 2013. Stock prices were supported by strong economic growth, robust corporate earnings, rising crude oil prices and easing tensions over global trade frictions. Meanwhile, Canada, Mexico and the US reached a new trade deal called the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) just before the September 30 deadline. As widely expected, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) raised the interest rate range by 0.25 percentage points in September, and signalled one more rate hike this year. The interest rate range is now 2.00-2.25%. Moreover, the central bank removed the term "accommodative" from its policy statement, which marked a rhetorical shift in its monetary policy outlook. In terms of market capitalisation, large-cap companies outperformed their mid-cap peers.

## **Fund Performance**

The fund delivered positive absolute returns but underperformed the index, largely due to stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector. However, security selection in information technology (IT) and an overweight in health care added value.

#### Industrials detracted

The holding in MasTec declined as it released mixed quarterly results with lower-than-expected revenues. Subsequently, I sold the position due to concerns over its long-term growth potential. The allocation to Nielsen Holdings fell after it released weak revenues and earnings, and lowered its annual guidance. The company also decided to replace its CEO. The position was sold on ambiguity over its near-term plans and doubts related to its turnaround.

#### Consumer discretionary stocks fell

Shares in eBay fell as it reported disappointing quarterly results. However, I retain this position owing to its turnaround strategy, based on increased focus on user experience, better products and the roll out of new payments systems. Elsewhere, Facebook hampered performance as it lowered its guidance for top line growth. Markets seem to have overreacted to the news, which presented a buying opportunity. The company continues to receive positive reviews from advertisers and its increased engagement levels with users is likely to lead to better monetisation.

#### IT and health care were positive

Payment processing company Worldpay released better-than-expected quarterly earnings and raised its full-year guidance, driven by its cost saving efforts. Within health care, hospital operator HCA Healthcare reported robust quarterly earnings and raised its annual guidance.

# Fund Positioning

I focus on investing in attractively valued, high quality companies that can provide sustainable capital growth through characteristics such as a dominant market share. I also look for companies where management incentives are well-aligned with shareholder interests.

#### Key positions in IT

I like Leidos Holdings, which is the largest player in the pure-play government services industry. It provides IT services such as cyber, intelligence, sensors, data collection and analysis to the US government. I also hold Microsoft, which has been successfully transitioning its business towards software as a service (SaaS), cloud and subscription-based models. Mastercard is likely to benefit from the global trend of an increase in card-based payments.

#### Favour health care holdings

Abbott Laboratories is a diversified company with multiple income streams from its consumer, medical technology and diagnostics businesses. Health care benefits company Aetna is being acquired by CVS, and is attractive both on a standalone basis and as part of the combined group, given its well-diversified revenue streams.

#### Selective exposure to financials and communication services

Well-managed financial companies should gain from an easing regulatory environment. I hold JPMorgan Chase given its strong balance sheet and well-diversified business mix, with industry leading positions. Within communication services, Alphabet is a key holding on account of its dominant market position. The company benefits from its high-margin advertising business, which forms a major part of its overall revenues.

#### Important Information

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The fund's returns can be affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. The use of financial derivative instruments may result in increased gains or losses within the fund.



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3 months

#### Attribution

Performance attribution is produced in the currency shown below. For funds with multiple share classes, the attribution return reflects the aggregate performance across all the share classes. It may therefore deviate from the published return for a particular share class. When using the analysis for hedged share classes, please consider that the attribution is shown before the impact of hedging.

The contributions shown in the tables are before the impact of charges. If charges are applied, their effect is captured in the "Other" category in the tables and will also be reflected in the fund return.

All investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage for each issuing company.

The sector/industry and country contribution tables (where relevant) display a maximum of eleven individual sectors/industries or countries. For funds investing in more than eleven sectors/industries or countries, only top five and bottom five are listed, with the contribution from other sectors/industries or countries shown in the "Other Sectors" or "Other Countries" category.

| Currency of attribution         | US Dollar (USD) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Three month relative return (%) | -1.05           |

## Position Contribution (%)

| TOP CONTRIBUTORS     | Average<br>Relative<br>Weight | Relative<br>Performance<br>Contribution | TOP DETRACTORS             | Average<br>Relative<br>Weight | Relative<br>Performance<br>Contribution |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| HCA HEALTHCARE INC   | 1.0                           | 0.22                                    | FACEBOOK INC               | 0.8                           | -0.20                                   |
| ABBOTT LABORATORIES  | 1.7                           | 0.19                                    | NASDAQ INC                 | 1.5                           | -0.19                                   |
| WORLDPAY INC         | 1.1                           | 0.17                                    | SUNCOR ENERGY INC NEW      | 1.4                           | -0.17                                   |
| WELLS FARGO & CO NEW | -1.0                          | 0.13                                    | MASTEC INC                 | 0.4                           | -0.15                                   |
| HARRIS CORP DEL      | 1.3                           | 0.12                                    | INTEL CORP                 | 1.1                           | -0.15                                   |
| ANDEAVOR             | 1.4                           | 0.12                                    | EBAY INC                   | 0.7                           | -0.14                                   |
| LEIDOS HLDGS INC     | 1.6                           | 0.11                                    | HERON THERAPEUTICS INC     | 0.4                           | -0.13                                   |
| CHEVRON CORP NEW     | -1.0                          | 0.11                                    | NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC       | 0.1                           | -0.12                                   |
| CIGNA CORP           | 0.7                           | 0.10                                    | FMC CORP                   | 1.0                           | -0.12                                   |
| MERCK & CO INC NEW   | 1.1                           | 0.09                                    | BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL | -1.6                          | -0.11                                   |

Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Index / Unclassified" category which will appear in the table(s) below when relevant.

| Sector/Industry Contribution     | on (%)                        |                       | 3                                | 3 months                          | Country Contribution (%) |                               |                       |                      | 3 months                          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELATIVE RETURN |                               |                       | CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELATIVE RETURN |                                   |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| GICS Sector                      | Average<br>Relative<br>Weight | Security<br>Selection | Sector/<br>Industry<br>Selection | Total<br>Relative<br>Contribution |                          | Average<br>Relative<br>Weight | Security<br>Selection | Country<br>Selection | Total<br>Relative<br>Contribution |
| Information Technology           | 1.1                           | 0.24                  | 0.01                             | 0.25                              | Israel                   | 0.4                           | 0.05                  | 0.00                 | 0.05                              |
| Energy                           | -0.6                          | 0.14                  | 0.10                             | 0.25                              | Canada                   | 1.4                           | -0.17                 | 0.00                 | -0.17                             |
| Health Care                      | 4.4                           | -0.14                 | 0.30                             | 0.17                              | United States            | -3.9                          | -0.35                 | 0.00                 | -0.35                             |
| Utilities                        | -1.1                          | 0.09                  | 0.06                             | 0.15                              |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Real Estate                      | -1.8                          | -0.01                 | 0.13                             | 0.12                              |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Consumer Staples                 | -3.2                          | -0.19                 | 0.11                             | -0.08                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Communication Services           | 0.4                           | 0.06                  | -0.16                            | -0.10                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Materials                        | 2.7                           | -0.17                 | -0.05                            | -0.22                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Financials                       | -1.8                          | -0.04                 | -0.24                            | -0.28                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Industrials                      | -1.6                          | -0.18                 | -0.12                            | -0.31                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
| Consumer Discretionary           | -0.5                          | -0.64                 | 0.21                             | -0.43                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |
|                                  |                               |                       |                                  |                                   | Total Primary Assets     | -2.1                          | -0.47                 | 0.00                 | -0.47                             |
| Total Primary Assets             | -2.1                          | -0.83                 | 0.36                             | -0.47                             | Other*                   | 2.1                           |                       |                      | -0.58                             |
| Other*                           | 2.1                           |                       |                                  | -0.58                             | TOTAL                    | 0.0                           |                       |                      | -1.05                             |
| TOTAL                            | 0.0                           |                       |                                  | -1.05                             |                          |                               |                       |                      |                                   |

\*Other includes portfolio components not already listed such as cash, expenses and other miscellaneous items.

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