

# Pure Payments March 2025

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### Manole Capital's Pure Payments Portfolio

Manole Capital's "Pure Payments" portfolio is a super concentrated (best ideas) portfolio of FINTECH companies. In our opinion, the quintessential FINTECH sector is embodied by the emerging payment business. These payment companies have strong growth opportunities, recurring revenue, sustainably high operating margins and excellent free cash flow. We employ a bottoms up, fundamental research approach and own transparent, transaction-based business models.

#### DEFINITIONS

FINTECH /fin'tek/ Any company that "utilizes technology to improve an established process"

SUCCESS /sək'ses/ Generating excellent long-term returns and limiting a material loss

of capital

Strategy Performance	2025			Annual	ized	Cumulative			
	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Inception
Gross Return	-5.98	-8.19	-5.07	1.90	8.77	10.63	5.81	52.22	150.42
Net Return <sup>1</sup>	-6.06	-8.42	-6.01	0.89	7.69	9.54	2.69	44.85	128.81

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Net reflects an annual management Fee of 1%



Performance Analysis									
Average Monthly Return (Gross)	1.07%								
Profitable Percentage	61% (66 of 109)								
Batting Average vs S&P 500	.560								
Batting Average vs Down S&P 500	.452								

Risk Analysis	
Up Mkt Capture	117%
Down Mkt Capture	112%
Beta	1.20
Std Dev (Mthly / Annualized)	6.62% / 22.92%
Sharpe Ratio	0.37

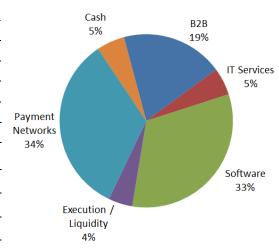
Based on Composite Gross performance and Average RFR of 2.25%

**Portfolio Exposure** 

Characteristics <sup>a</sup>										
	MANOLE	S&P 500								
Avg Mkt Cap	\$ 98B	\$ 99B								
Pre-Tax Margins	20%	22%								
ROE	21%	31%								
Dividend Yield	0.4%	1.4%								
Active Share <sup>b</sup>	97%									
Portfolio Turnover	19%									
GROWTH RATE	MANOLE	S&P 500								
Forward 3-5 Yr EPS Est.	20%	13%								
Last 5 Yrs Revenue	20%	14%								
Last 5 Yrs EPS	33%	17%								

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Characteristics from Zacks Research <sup>b</sup> In Poor Charlie's Almanac, Munger said,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Mimicking the herd invites regression to the mean."



Composite Inception	Mar'16
# of Positions	15
Largest:	MA, V
Average Weight	6.3%
Top 5	44%

SECTOR WEIGHTS	MANOLE	S&P 500
Financials	51%	15%
Technology	38%	30%
Industrials	6%	9%
Totals	95%	54%
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#### WARREN FISHER, CFA FOUNDER

Warren started his career at Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM), after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA in 1994. While on GSAM's Growth Equity team, Warren was responsible for both the Financial sector, as well as Service companies in the Technology industry. In addition to his analyst duties, Warren was a Portfolio Manager on several of GSAM's '40 Act mutual funds. Over his 19 years at GSAM, Warren was a Co-Portfolio Manager for The Goldman Sachs Growth Opportunities Fund (mid cap), The Goldman Sachs Capital Growth Fund (large cap) as well as The Goldman Sachs Flexible Cap Growth Fund (all cap). In 2013, Warren joined Fortress Investments, to help build Logan Circle's first equity franchise. In 2015, Warren created Manole Capital to exclusively focus on the emerging FINTECH industry.

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Manole Capital is a long-term investor in businesses, not a short-term trader. We focus on strong, durable franchises with identifiable growth prospects. Our holdings are market share leaders, have high barriers to entry and have pricing power. It is critical to our investment process that all companies generate free cash flow and that management teams properly and rationally allocate capital. Our process is based upon conducting proprietary, bottoms-up, fundamental analysis of the emerging Fintech industry.

MONTHLY RETURNS														
Fintech		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
	Gross	5.70	-7.62	-5.98										-8.19%
2025	SP500TR	2.78	-1.30	-5.63										-4.27%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	5.62	-7.70	-6.06										-8.42%
	Gross	0.87	4.22	5.75	-6.64	-4.06	-0.91	3.08	4.04	1.86	0.67	10.63	-4.24	14.96%
2024	SP500TR	1.68	5.34	3.22	-4.08	4.96	3.59	1.22	2.43	2.14	-0.91	5.87	-2.38	25.02%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	0.79	4.14	5.67	-6.73	-4.15	-0.98	2.99	3.96	1.78	0.58	10.55	-4.32	13.83%
	Gross	10.99	-2.27	-1.66	0.61	-3.17	6.87	7.09	-7.24	-6.46	-5.41	14.78	10.43	23.74%
2023	SP500TR	6.28	-2.44	3.67	1.56	0.43	6.61	3.21	-1.59	-4.77	-2.10	9.13	4.54	26.29%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	10.91	-2.34	-1.75	0.54	-3.26	6.78	7.01	-7.34	-6.53	-5.50	14.70	10.35	22.53%
	Gross	-4.65	-6.34	1.15	-8.19	-1.21	-11.82	11.95	-4.34	-10.58	9.96	0.05	-3.83	-26.81%
2022	SP500TR	-5.17	-2.99	3.71	-8.72	0.18	-8.25	9.22	-4.08	-9.21	8.10	5.59	-5.76	-18.11%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	-4.73	-6.41	1.06	-8.27	-1.30	-11.91	11.87	-4.43	-10.66	9.88	-0.03	-3.92	-27.56%
	Gross	-7.27	9.91	-5.34	6.06	-3.99	4.28	-0.01	0.76	-6.08	-1.67	-11.87	0.28	-15.75%
2021	SP500TR	-1.01	2.76	4.38	5.34	0.70	2.33	2.38	3.04	-4.65	7.01	-0.69	4.48	28.71%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	-7.35	9.84	-5.43	5.98	-4.07	4.19	-0.09	0.67	-6.16	-1.75	-11.96	0.19	-16.60%
	Gross	6.09	-6.69	-24.07	17.90	12.80	7.59	6.89	6.21	-3.50	-6.88	19.85	8.05	42.10%
2020	SP500TR	-0.04	-8.23	-12.35	12.82	4.76	1.99	5.64	7.19	-3.80	-2.66	10.95	3.84	18.40%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	6.01	-6.76	-24.16	17.82	12.72	7.51	6.81	6.13	-3.58	-6.97	19.77	7.96	40.70%
	Gross	8.20	10.89	4.82	4.52	0.38	7.18	3.59	-0.41	-3.53	0.18	4.34	-0.56	46.29%
2019	SP500TR	8.01	3.21	1.94	4.05	-6.35	7.05	1.44	-1.58	1.87	2.17	3.63	3.02	31.49%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	8.12	10.81	4.74	4.44	0.29	7.10	3.50	-0.50	-3.61	0.08	4.26	-0.65	44.87%
	Gross	9.72	-2.32	-1.83	1.41	1.59	2.82	1.21	5.38	1.09	-9.37	-3.87	-7.23	-2.88%
2018	SP500TR	5.73	-3.69	-2.54	0.38	2.41	0.62	3.72	3.26	0.57	-6.84	2.04	-9.03	-4.38%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	9.63	-2.39	-1.91	1.33	1.51	2.74	1.13	5.29	1.01	-9.46	-3.95	-7.30	-3.84%
	Gross	3.73	5.48	-0.92	1.95	5.06	-0.28	5.07	1.88	2.34	4.33	3.02	1.64	38.57%
2017	SP500TR	1.90	3.97	0.12	1.03	1.41	0.62	2.06	0.31	2.06	2.33	3.07	1.11	21.83%
	Net <sup>2</sup>	3.66	5.40	-1.01	1.88	4.97	-0.36	4.99	1.79	2.26	4.24	2.94	1.56	37.23%
	Gross			8.51	2.80	0.85	-5.38	3.87	1.60	1.22	0.93	-3.30	0.16	11.16%
<b>2016</b> <sup>1</sup>	SP500TR			6.78	0.39	1.80	0.26	3.69	0.14	0.02	-1.82	3.70	1.98	17.96%
	Net <sup>2</sup>			8.42	2.72	0.77	-5.46	3.79	1.51	1.14	0.85	-3.38	0.08	10.24%

Benchmark: S&P 500 Total Return. Differences between the strategy and the index, include but not limited to, risk profile, volatility and composition

All performance results are based on the strategy's composite returns and include accruals and the reinvestment of all dividends, interest and capital gains. The Flagship Fintech composite represents all fully discretionary, feepaying, separately managed account (SMA) portfolios within the Fin Tech investment strategy. Performance is presented in US Dollars. Any investment or strategy managed by Manole is speculative in nature and there can be no assurance that the investment objective(s) will be achieved. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Manole Capital Management, LLC is a registered investment adviser with the State of Florida. Manole claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the quality or accuracy of the content contained herein. Manole has been independently verified for the periods March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021. The verification report is available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Fin Tech composite has had a performance examination for the periods March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. To receive a GIPS report, please contact GIPS@manolecapital.com

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 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Partial period beginning on March 1, 1016  $^{-2}$  Net reflects an annual management Fee of 1%