

Equity & Fixed Income Strategies

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Equity Strategies

Strategy Name	Minimum	Strategy Goal
Capital Appreciation	\$25,000	Established companies with a long-term track record
Dividend Select	\$25,000	Companies with a history of strong and consistent dividends
Intrinsic Value	\$50,000	High-quality companies at a reasonable price.
Strategic Alpha	\$25,000	Undervalued-issues with potential to deliver above-market returns
Concentrated Growth	\$25,000	Focused strategy to generate long-term capital appreciation

Fixed Income Strategies

Strategy Name	Return Potential	Volatility
Strategic Fixed Income	Balanced	Medium
High Yield	Aggressive	High



Capital Appreciation

Strategy Construction

Capital Appreciation (Cap App) seeks to own high quality companies with a proven history of earnings, dividend growth, and stability.

The model utilizes S&P Global Market Intelligence Quality Ranking, which measures 10- year history of earnings and dividend growth and stability.

Historically, stocks with the best Quality Rankings posted higher profit margins, higher return on capital, and stronger cash flows than lower quality stocks. Higherquality stocks also incurred less volatility.

Portfolio Profile

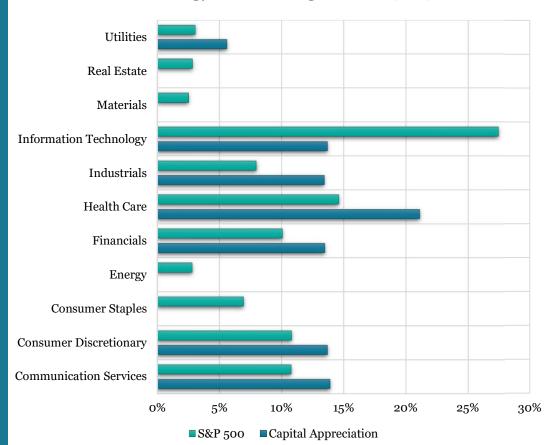
Category Individual Equities
Inception 1/1/2016
Holdings 15
Style Large Blend
Benchmark S&P 500
Minimum \$25,000
Expense* 0.70%

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*Maximum Expense Ratio

The Capital Appreciation strategy seeks to own high-quality companies with a strong performance track record.

Strategy Positioning As of 06/30/2020



Performance

	YTD	2019	2018	2017
Cap App (Gross)	-10.42%	37.61%	-5.79%	14.57%
Cap App (Net)	-10.77%	36.91%	-6.49%	13.87%
S&P 500	-4.84%	28.65%	-7.10%	18.66%



Capital Appreciation

Glossary:

Beta:

Measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of an individual stock in comparison to the unsystematic risk of the entire market.

<u>Turnover Ratio:</u>

The amount of trading the portfolio experienced in the previous 12 months.

P/E Forward:

The P/E forward ratio (price-to-earnings) denotes the weighted harmonic average of all the P/E's of the securities in the portfolio.

Avg. Weighted Market Cap: The market cap of a security is equal to the price of the security multiplied by the number of shares outstanding at the company level. A weighted average is then taken of all the securities in the portfolio.

Net Debt-to-EBITDA: Measurement of leverage, calculated as a company's interestbearing liabilities minus cash or

equivalents, divided by EBITDA.

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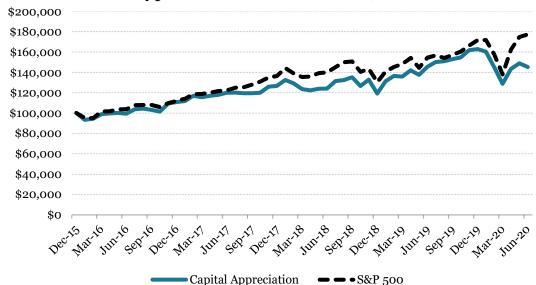
Charles Ruff, CFA Portfolio Manager

Characteristics			
Beta	0.98		
Turnover Ratio	80%		
P/E Forward	19.2x		
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$125.3B		
Net Debt-to-EBITDA	1.16x		
Dividend Yield	2.1%		

Leaders (2Q20)				
Blackrock, Inc.	BLK	33.7%		
Thermo Fisher	TMO	31.8%		
Visa, Inc.	V	26.4%		
Gentex Corp.	GNTX	24.8%		
UnitedHealth	UNH	24.8%		

Laggards (2Q20)				
Carrier Global Corp.	CARR	(15.7%)		
Otis Worldwide Corp.	OTIS	(6.8%)		
Costco Wholesale	COST	(0.42%)		
Charles Schwab Corp.	SCHW	2.89%		
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Hypothetical Growth of \$100,000



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Dividend Select

Strategy Construction

The Dividend Select strategy is designed for long-term total return. The goal is to provide investors with the opportunity to invest in high quality stocks that offer an attractive dividend yield and capital appreciation.

In order to be considered for the Dividend Select strategy, a stock must have a yield above that of the S&P 500 and the company must not have cut the regular dividend in the last five years.

In addition to dividend yield and consistency, the Dividend Select strategy also seeks to own stocks that will outperform the benchmark over the next 12 months.

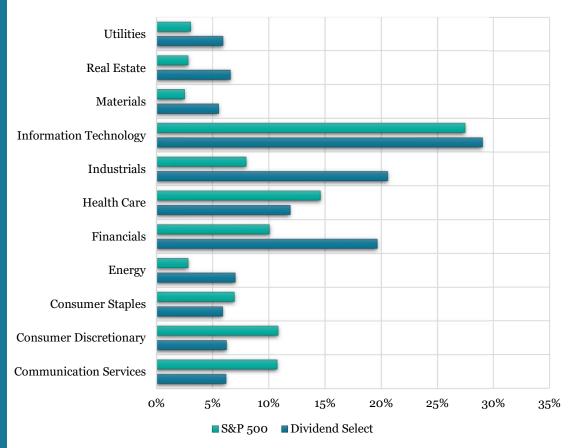
Portfolio Profile

Category Individual Equities
Inception 6/1/2016
Holdings 15
Style Large Blend
Benchmark S&P 500
Minimum \$25,000
Expense* 0.70%

*Maximum Expense Ratio

The Dividend Select strategy seeks to own companies with a strong and consistent dividend yield.

Strategy Positioning As of 06/30/2020



Performance

	YTD	2019	2018	2017
Dividend Select (Gross)	-13.99%	38.80%	-7.56%	21.97%
Dividend Select (Net)	-14.34%	38.10%	-8.26%	21.27%
S&P 500	-4.84%	28.65%	-7.10%	18.66%



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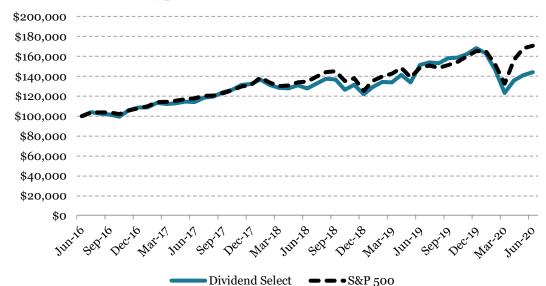
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Characteristics			
Beta	1.07		
Turnover Ratio	53%		
P/E Forward	14.2X		
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$233.9B		
Net Debt-to-EBITDA	1.24X		
Dividend Yield	3.1%		

Leaders (2Q20)				
Apple Inc.	AAPL	51.8%		
Broadcom Inc.	AVGO	42.7%		
V.F. Corporation	VFC	39.8%		
Johnson Controls	JCI	36.7%		
MetLife, Inc.	MET	32.6%		

Laggards (2Q20)				
Allstate Corporation	ALL	(9.4%)		
Merck & Co.	MRK	(6.2%)		
Walmart Inc.	WMT	5.4%		
Suncor Energy Inc.	SU	7.8%		
Lockheed Martin	LMT	8.5%		

Hypothetical Growth of \$100,000



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Intrinsic Value

Strategy Construction

The Intrinsic Value strategy uses six specific investment criteria to potentially identify undervalued securities available at a reasonable price. These criteria are listed below:

- I. Free cash flow of at least \$250 million
- II. Net profit margin of 15% or more
- III. Return on equity of at least 15% for each of the past three years.
- IV. A dollar's worth of retained earnings creating at least a dollar's worth of shareholder value over the past five years.
- V. Stocks with market capitalization of at least \$500 million
- VI. Overpriced stocks are identified by comparing our five-year discounted cash flow estimate to current price

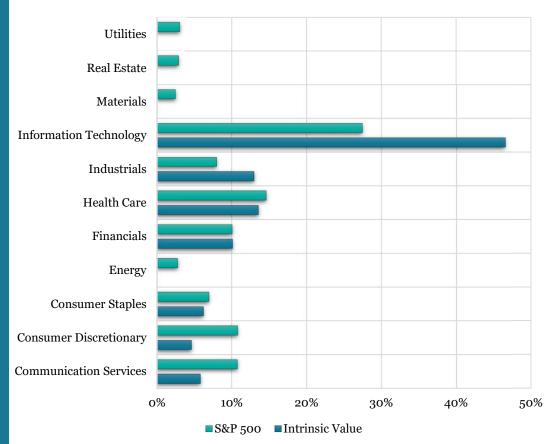
Portfolio Profile

Category Individual Equities
Inception 1/1/2016
Holdings 40+
Style Large Growth
Benchmark S&P 500
Minimum \$50,000
Expense* 0.70%

*Maximum Expense Ratio

The Intrinsic Value strategy seeks to achieve long term capital growth by seeking undervalued stocks trading at a reasonable price.

Strategy Positioning As of 06/30/2020



Performance

	YTD	2019	2018	2017
Intrinsic Value (Gross)	3.57%	39.19%	-2.84%	26.93%
Intrinsic Value (Net)	3.22%	38.49%	-3.54%	26.23%
S&P 500	-4.84%	28.65%	-7.10%	18.66%



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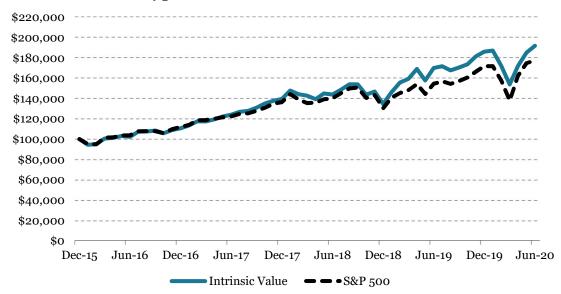
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Characteristics		
Beta	1.00	
Turnover Ratio	62%	
P/E Forward	29.4x	
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$173.7B	
Net Debt-to-EBITDA	0.89x	
Dividend Yield	1.0%	

Leaders (2Q20)				
Lululemon Athletica	LUL	70.0%		
NVIDIA Corp.	NVDA	56.4%		
Veeva Systems Inc.	VEEV	52.7%		
Apple Inc.	AAPL	51.8%		
MarketAxess Holding	MKTX	50.2%		

Laggards (2Q20)				
Merck & Co.	MRK	5.6%		
Graco, Inc.	GGG	5.8%		
Citrix Systems, Inc.	CTXS	6.6%		
Coca-Cola Co.	КО	7.0%		
Campbell Soup Co.	СРВ	8.8%		

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Strategic Alpha

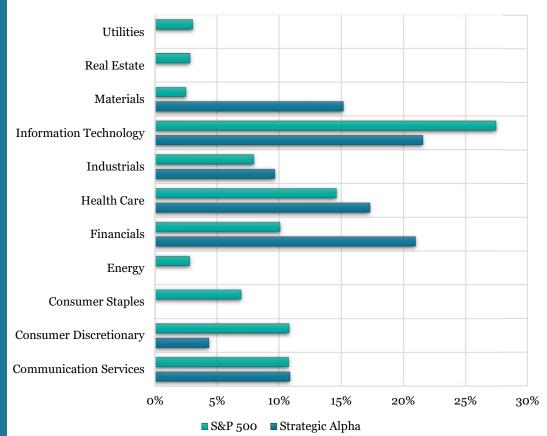
Strategy Construction

The Strategic Alpha strategy holds a diversified portfolio of individual equities. It seeks to outperform the S&P 500 by maintaining exposures in lower priced securities.

The Strategic Alpha strategy uses specific screening criteria to determine Fair Value securities from a universe of over 2,000.

The Strategic Alpha strategy seeks to outperform the market by purchasing undervalued issues with the potential to deliver above-market returns.

Strategy Positioning As of 06/30/2020



<u>Portfolio Profile</u>

Category Individual Equities
Inception 1/1/2016
Holdings 25
Style Mid Blend
Benchmark S&P 500
Minimum \$25,000

0.70%

*Maximum Expense Ratio

Expense*

Performance

	YTD	2019	2018	2017
Strategic Alpha (Gross)	-17.01%	19.42%	-11.88%	26.37%
Strategic Alpha (Net)	-17.36%	18.72%	-12.58%	25.67%
S&P 500	-4.84%	28.65%	-7.10%	18.66%



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Characteristics			
Beta	1.11		
Turnover Ratio	16%		
P/E Forward	13.8x		
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$37.6B		
Net Debt-to-EBITDA	1.27X		
Dividend Yield	2.3%		

Leaders (2Q20)				
Advanced Energy	AEIS	53.5%		
Owens Corning, Inc.	OC	51.5%		
UFP Industries	UFPI	46.1%		
TCF Financial Corp.	TCF	42.1%		
Primerica, Inc.	PRI	39.1%		

Laggards (2Q20)				
AMN Healthcare	AMN	(22.3%)		
Univest Financial Co.	UVSP	7.1%		
Olin Corporation	OLN	7.3%		
Check Point Software	СНКР	9.3%		
AT&T Inc.	Т	9.7%		

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Concentrated Growth

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The Concentrated Growth strategy is comprised of stocks considered to have superior risk-adjusted capital appreciation potential. To screen for potential strategy positions we use the STARS (Stock Appreciation Ranking) System.

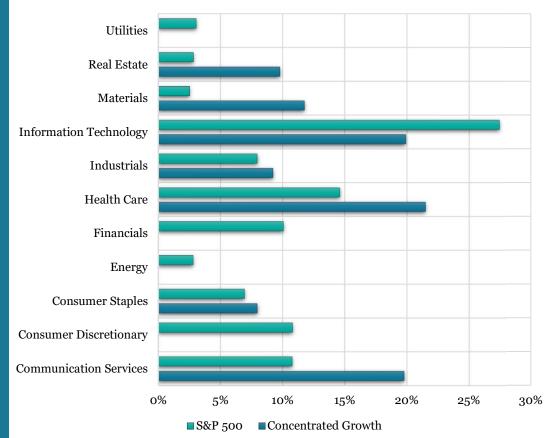
To enter the Concentrated Growth strategy stocks must have a 5-STARS ranking. Stocks can remain in the strategy if the ranking drops to 4-STARS. If a stocks ranking drops below 4-STARS, it will be removed.

Portfolio Profile

Category Individual Equities
Inception 6/1/2016
Holdings 10
Style Large Blend
Benchmark S&P 500
Minimum \$25,000
Expense* 0.70%

The Concentrated Growth strategy seeks to achieve long-term growth of capital.

Strategy Positioning As of 06/30/2020



Performance

	YTD	2019	2018	2017
Conc. Growth (Gross)	-2.37%	39.66%	-20.50%	17.97%
Conc. Growth (Net)	-2.72%	38.96%	-21.20%	17.27%
S&P 500	-4.84%	28.65%	-7.10%	18.66%

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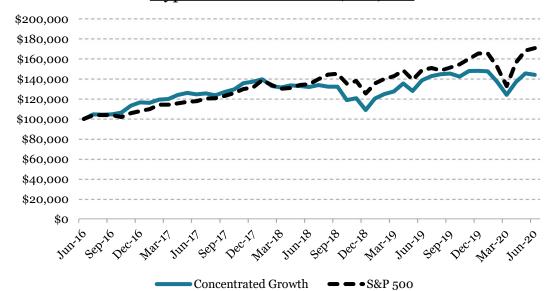
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Characteristics		
Beta	0.91	
Turnover Ratio	90%	
P/E Forward	24.1X	
Avg. Weighted Mkt Cap	\$123.7B	
Net Debt-to-EBITDA	2.8x	
Dividend Yield	1.6%	

Leaders (2Q20)				
Salesforce.com, Inc.	CRM	39.7%		
CenterPoint Energy	CNP	31.7%		
FMC Corporation	FMC	30.0%		
Alexandria R/E	ARE	24.4%		
T-Mobile US, Inc.	TMUS	22.3%		

Laggards (2Q20)				
Merck & Co., Inc.	MRK	2.0%		
Walmart Inc.	WMT	5.4%		
Lockheed Martin	LMT	8.5%		
Fiserv, Inc.	FISV	10.9%		
CVS Health Corp.	CVS	12.3%		

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Strategic Fixed Income

Glossary:

Effective Duration:

A calculation used to approximate the actual, modified duration of a callable bond. It considers that future interest rate changes will affect the expected cash flows for a callable bond.

Credit Quality:

Informs investors of a bond or bond portfolio's creditworthiness or risk of default. A company or security's credit quality may also be known as its "bond rating."

Yield:

The income returned on an investment, such as the interest received from holding a security. The yield is usually expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the investment's cost, current market value, or face value.



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The Strategic Fixed Income strategy offers a blended fixed income strategy. It seeks to produce income while maintaining downside protection.

	Strategic Fixed Income	Benchmark
Average Effective Duration	3.19	5.50
12-month SEC Yield	3.9%	2.5%
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays US Aggreg	gate Bond Index (AGG)

Fixed Income Style Box %

34	26	0	High
0	0	0	Medium
17	0	0	Low

Limited Moderate Extended

Duration

Sector Breakdown	Weight (%)
Government	34.41
Municipal	0.18
Corporate	24.41
Securitized	27.81
Cash & Equivalents	10.87
Derivative	2.32

Credit Quality	Weight (%)
AAA	65.86
AA	2.75
A	3.92
BBB	7.99
BB	9.41
В	4.94
Below B	4.73
NR	0.52

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High Yield

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The High Yield Strategy allocates to lower-quality fixed income in an effort to generate performance through both income and capital appreciation.

	High Yield	Benchmark
Average Effective Duration	4.36	3.58
12-month SEC Yield	5.6%	5.8%
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays High Yie	ld Very Liquid Index (JNK)

Fixed Income Style Box %

0	0	0	High
0	0	0	Medium
33	49	0	Low

Limited Moderate Extended

Duration

Sector Breakdown	Weight (%)
Government	6.58
Municipal	0.01
Corporate	74.33
Securitized	5.56
Cash & Equivalents	6.31
Derivative	7.21

Credit Quality	Weight (%)
AAA	15.80
AA	1.70
A	2.60
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ETF Strategies

Why ETFs?

- Costs
 - ETFs typically have low expense ratios meaning the investor gets to keep more of their money
- Smart Asset Allocation
 - ETFs can provide diversification across numerous asset classes
- Tax Efficiency
 - Not subject to frequent capital gains taxes like mutual funds
- Low trading fees
 - Intra-day liquidity and free transactions on many platforms like TD, Schwab, E-Trade.

	Minimum	Strategy
Global Income	\$5,000	Targets a high level of income while offering the potential for capital appreciation.
Global Value	\$5,000	Seeks to provide exposure to international equities with a lower P/E multiple.



Global Income

Strategy Construction

The Global Income strategy seeks to take advantage of some of the high dividend yield opportunities offered by companies outside of the US.

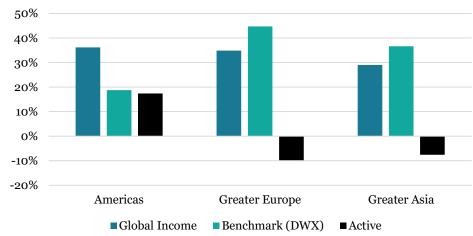
The strategy seeks to improve diversification through an ETF structure. Additionally, exposure to foreign equities provides broad exposure to global equity market.

The Global Income strategy relies on liquid, well-established ETFs from some of the leading players in the ETF space (Fidelity, Blackrock, First Trust, VanEck). The Global Income strategy is a proprietary strategy that utilizes globally diversified ETFs to seek a high level of income while maintaining the potential for appreciation.

Portfolio Characteristics (06/30/2020)

	Novem Global Income	Benchmark: S&P International Dividend Opportunities Index
Dividend Yield	5.68%	5.10%
P/E	10.1	13.0
Standard Deviation	15.24	16.77
Avg Mkt Cap (\$m)	\$11.8B	\$16.3B

Equity Weighting by Region



Portfolio Profile

Category Global ETFs
Inception 1/1/2020
Holdings 5
Style Global Equities
Benchmark DWX
Minimum \$5,000
Expense* 0.70%
*Maximum Expense Ratio



Global Value

Strategy Construction

The Global Value strategy seeks to own companies that are cheaper than their benchmark. Academic research suggests that cheaper securities will outperform over the long-run.

The strategy uses an ETF structure to improve diversification across the global equity market.

ETFs are tax efficient and also offer simplicity for foreign taxes and currencies.

The Global Value utilizes liquid, well-established ETFs from some of the leading players in the ETF space (Fidelity, Blackrock, First Trust, VanEck).

<u>Portfolio Profile</u>

Category

Inception 1/1/2020
Holdings 5
Style Global Equities
Benchmark ACWI
Minimum \$5,000
Expense* 0.70%

Global ETFs

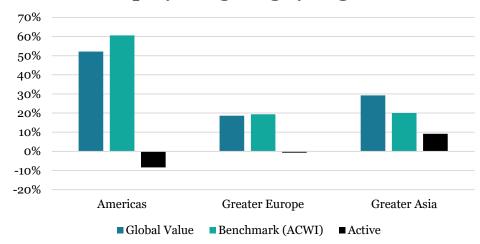
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The Global Value strategy seeks to own companies that are cheaper than their benchmark based on various valuation metrics.

Portfolio Characteristics (06/30/2020)

	Novem Global Value	Benchmark: MSCI All Cap World Index (ACWI)
Dividend Yield	3.75%	2.11%
P/E	12.50	19.57
EV/EBITDA	9.5	12.6
Avg Mkt Cap (\$m)	\$3.8B	\$69.4B

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