# Core Equity – Wealth preservation focused, conservative equity investment strategy

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### **Objectives**

- Enhanced risk-adjusted rates of return
- Outperformance versus market benchmark over a market cycle

### Universe

- Liquid US equities:
  - Emphasis on large-to-mid cap companies with limited enterprise risk
  - A blend of growth and dividend paying equities
- Cash and equivalents employed for tactical purposes

### **Investment Strategy**

- Barbelled portfolio of stable growth and defensive, yieldoriented equities only
  - Utilize classic 60/40 stock/bond wealth preservation concept
- Invest with conviction on an absolute basis, not relative to a benchmark
- Focus on industries supported by long term demand drivers
- Longer term (3-5 year) investment objective tax efficient
- Wealth preservation in stressed markets:

	Core	S&P 500
2020 Q1 (Covid-19)	-14.4	-19.6
2018	0.5	-4.4
2008	-23.8	-37.0

#### **Historical Performance**

Calendar Year Returns (%)	QTR	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2008
Core Equity Composite-PURE GROSS*	8.4	24.6	-21.4	27.1	19.3	32.3	0.5	24.5	12.3	-4.7	10.1	-23.8
Core Equity Composite-NET**	7.9	21.8	-23.1	24.4	16.7	29.4	-1.7	21.7	9.8	-6.8	7.7	-25.5
Russell 1000 Total Return	10.3	26.5	-19.1	26.5	21.0	31.4	-4.8	21.7	12.1	0.9	13.2	-37.6
S&P 500 Total Return	10.6	26.3	-18.1	28.7	18.4	31.5	-4.4	21.8	12.0	1.4	13.7	-37.0

<sup>\*</sup> Presented as Supplemental Information

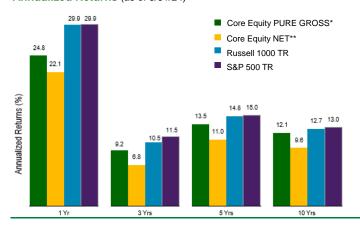
# Performance Summary (as of 3/31/24)

Annualized Returns (%)	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Core Equity Composite-PURE GROSS*	24.8	9.2	13.5	12.1
Core Equity Composite-NET**	22.1	6.8	11.0	9.6
Russell 1000 Total Return	29.9	10.5	14.8	12.7
S&P 500 Total return	29.9	11.5	15.0	13.0

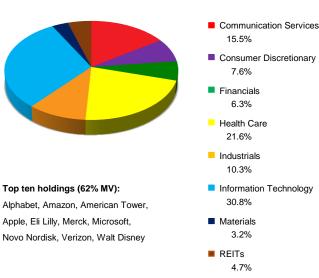
# **Portfolio Characteristics**

- Focused portfolio of 20 to 35 positions
- Position weightings typically 2-6%
- Diversified across 4-6 or more growth themes
- Growth bias with yield consideration
- Average annual turnover: 5-20%

# Annualized Returns (as of 3/31/24)



# Portfolio Snapshot (as of 3/31/24)



Current Yield: 1.2%

#### Risk / Return Metrics

Periods ending 3/31/24	10 Years	5 Years	3 Years
Alpha	0.50	0.21	-1.53
Beta	0.88	0.87	0.91
Standard Deviation	14.06	16.57	16.87
S&P 500 TR	15.16	18.36	17.59
Sharpe Ratio	0.76	0.69	0.39
S&P 500 TR	0.76	0.71	0.51
UP Market Capture	92%	91%	93%
Down Market Capture	87%	90%	101%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Net returns are reduced by the highest fee of 2.25% 1Q08-3Q18; 2.20% 4Q18-3Q22; 2.34% 4Q22-3Q23; 2.05% 4Q23 to current

### **Investment Process**

Each stock evaluated from three perspectives



- Growth Trend
   Favorable socio-economic, technology transition, or supply/demand trends
- Business Model
  Understandable,
  competitive, and sustainable
- Valuation
   Attractive risk reward characteristics
- The critical consideration: valuation relative to perceived opportunity
- Portfolio construction emphasizes mitigation of risk

## **Differentiating Characteristics**

- Focus on change reflected in our view of tomorrow
- Target both growth and income oriented companies
- Emphasis on innovation and scientific achievement
- Optimal portfolio diversification
- Uncommon risk management techniques

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

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