

# US Structured Research Equity Strategy

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### **Risks**

#### **Equity General Portfolio Risks**

- Capital risk the value of your investment will vary and is not guaranteed. It will be affected by changes in the exchange rate between the base currency of the portfolio and the currency in which you subscribed, if different.
- ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the portfolio.
- Equity risk in general, equities involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments.
- **Geographic concentration risk** to the extent that a portfolio invests a large portion of its assets in a particular geographic area, its performance will be more strongly affected by events within that area.
- Hedging risk a portfolio's attempts to reduce or eliminate certain risks through hedging may not work as intended.
- Investment portfolio risk investing in portfolios involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly.
- Management risk the investment manager or its designees may at times find their obligations to a portfolio to be in conflict with their obligations to other investment portfolios they manage (although in such cases, all portfolios will be dealt with equitably).
- Operational risk operational failures could lead to disruptions of portfolio operations or financial losses.

### What is US Structured Research?

Strong stock selection combined with sound portfolio construction and risk oversight



Allocate capital to analysts in proportion to their respective coverage in the relevant index



Analysts have autonomy to determine relative security weights and timing of trades within their coverage universe



Portfolio construction rules facilitate risk management process, controlling active position sizes



Oversight Team monitors portfolio exposures, rebalancing monthly in conjunction with analysts, to maintain benchmarkneutral sector/industry/risk factor exposures



Security selection drives consistent alpha



### **Better Investment Outcomes - More Returns, More Often**



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

All figures above reflect gross of net of fee excess returns of US Structured Research Equity Composite over rolling twelve-month periods from June 1999 – February 2024. Value/ growth environments based on Russell 10000 Value / Russell 1000 Growth leadership.

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# **Strong Performance Across Wide Range of Markets**











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# **GIPS®** Composite Report

Period Ended 31 December 2023 Figures Shown in U.S. Dollar

#### **US Structured Research Equity Composite**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	2020	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Gross Annual Returns (%)	12.96	3.58	10.90	24.38	-3.94	33.14	20.68	28.51	-18.40	30.33
Net Annual Returns (%)1	11.46	2.19	9.43	22.74	-5.24	31.40	19.09	26.82	-19.52	28.62
S&P 500 Index (%)	13.69	1.38	11.96	21.83	-4.38	31.49	18.40	28.71	-18.11	26.29
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	9.22	10.54	10.80	10.17	11.00	12.10	19.91	17.55	21.13	17.32
S&P 500 Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	8.97	10.47	10.59	9.92	10.80	11.93	18.53	17.17	20.87	17.29
Composite Dispersion	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.04	0.09
Comp. Assets (Millions)	22,006.4	17,157.1	15,937.5	12,513.8	14,665.3	18,774.0	34,997.5	44,875.8	45,462.5	63,188.3
# of Accts. in Comp.	40	32	29	26	28	24	28	28	31	35
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	749.6	772.4	817.2	1,000.2	972.7	1,218.2	1,482.5	1,653.6	1,237.4	1,403.8 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.35%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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Some portfolios may trade futures, options, and other potentially high-risk derivatives that may create leverage and generally represent in aggregate less than 10% of a portfolio.

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