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Contrarian Value Equity Fund

► Temperament. Duration. Alpha.

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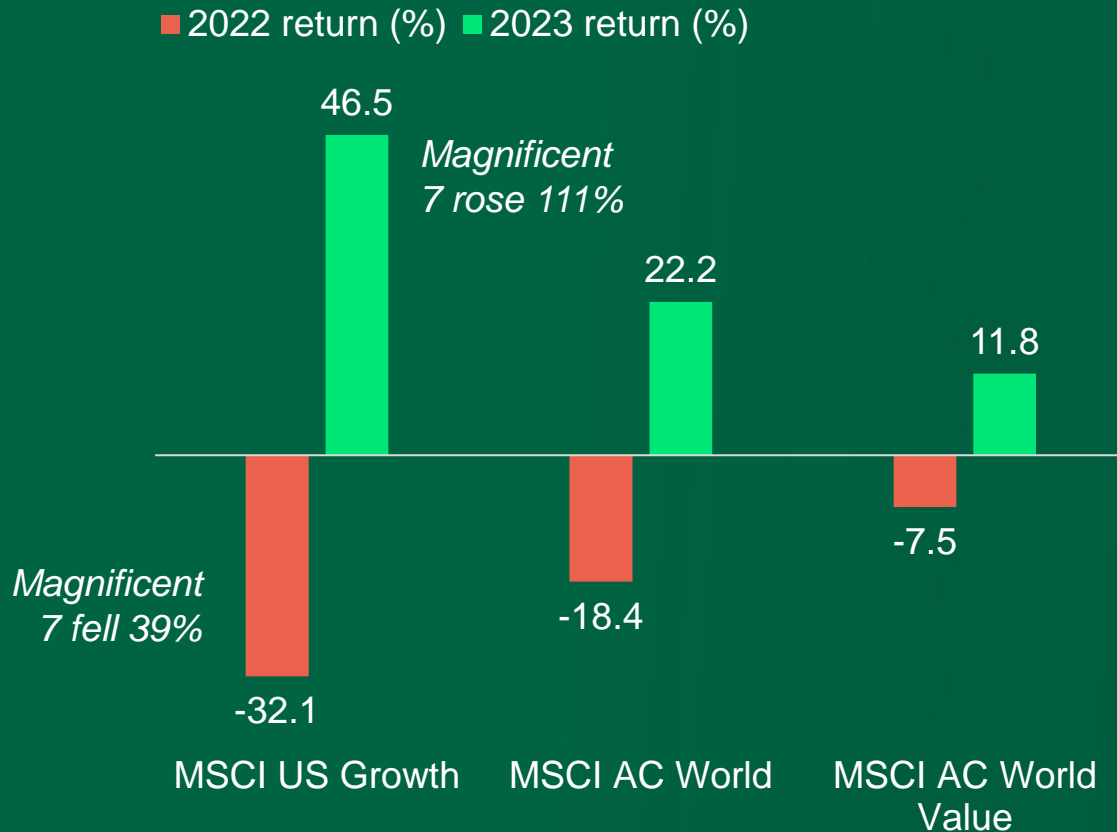
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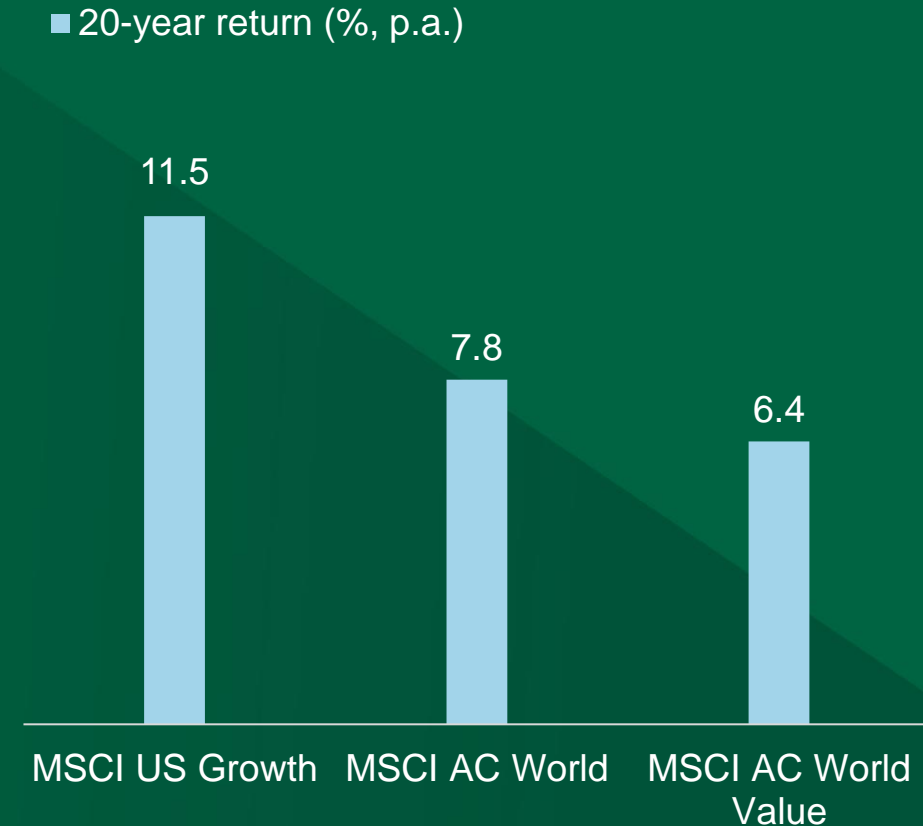
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finally found
its match?

Growth needs a partner

- ▶ Growth equities have become risky business

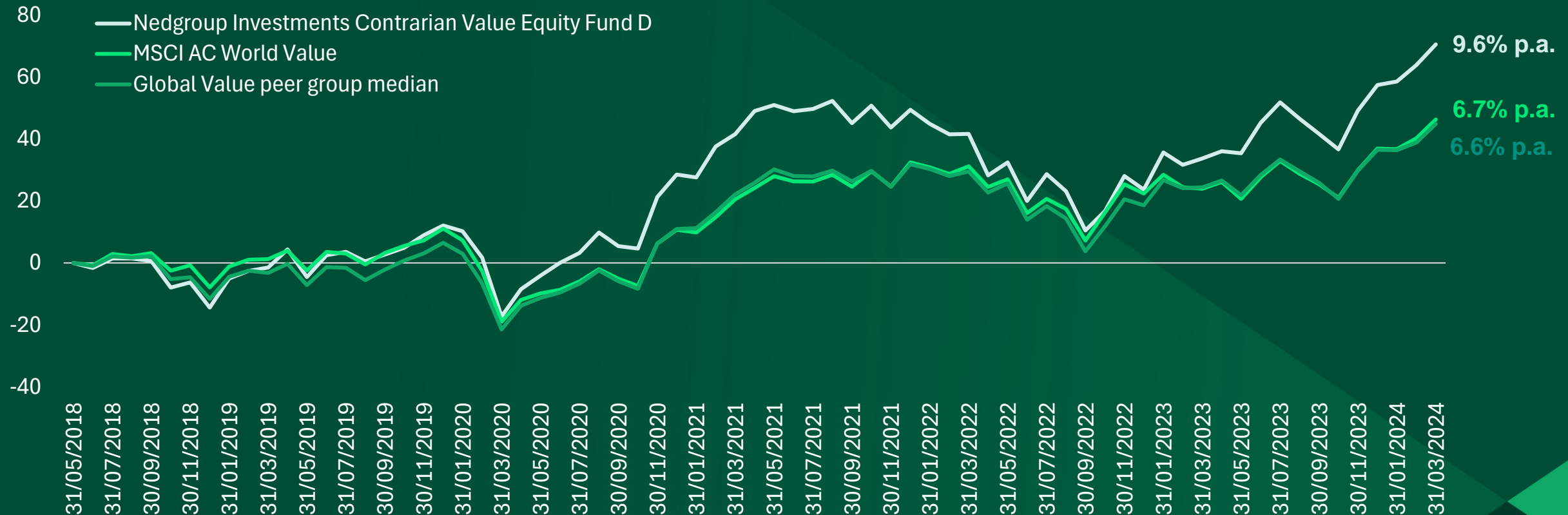


- ▶ And value equities have been in a funk for a while



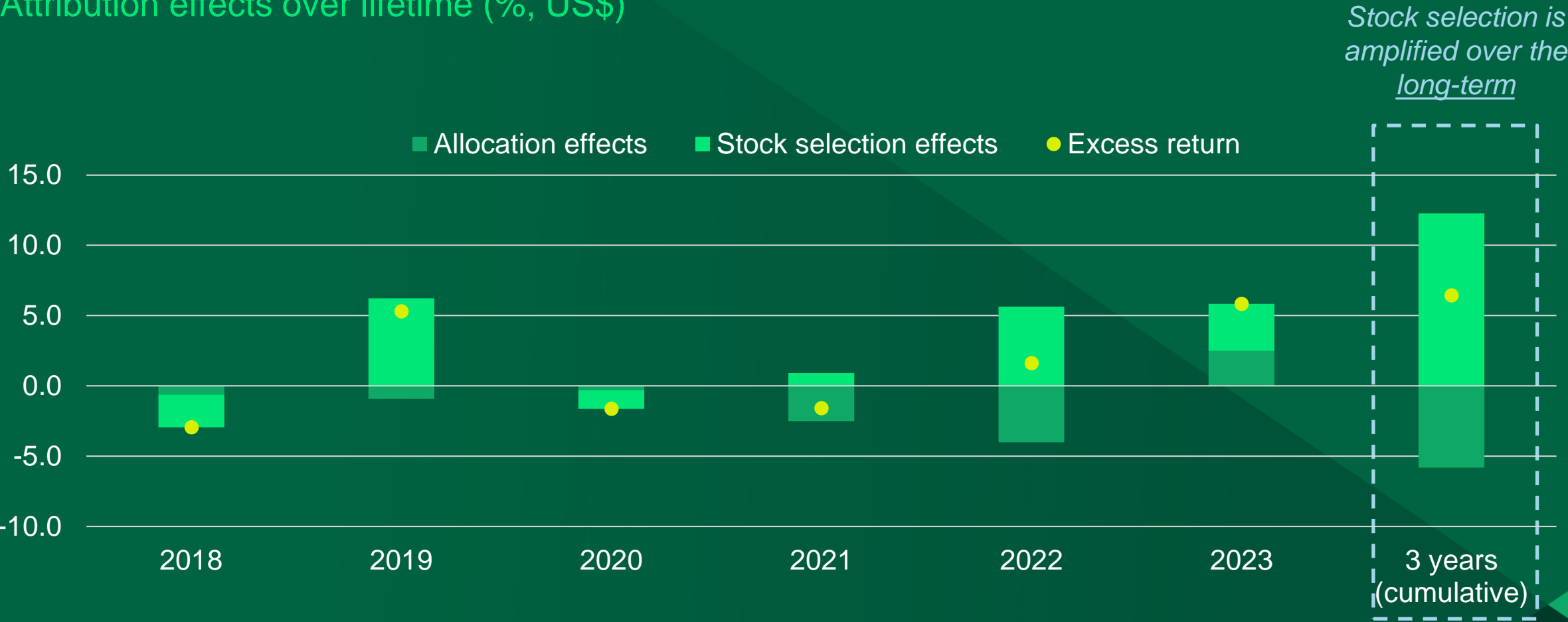
But not all value equities are created equal. Presenting *contrarian value* investing

Cumulative lifetime returns (% , US\$)



The powerhouse? Superior stock selection

Attribution effects over lifetime (% , US\$)



Why partner with us?



Temperament

- ▶ We have the courage to stand behind our best ideas, away from rigid value labels or index constructs. This leads to a portfolio of contrarian stocks with solid fundamentals.
 - Portfolio of 30-50 quality businesses
 - Active share >90%



Duration

- ▶ We believe patience and rigour work in harmony. Our research emphasises management's ability to deliver and rigorous fundamental analysis to identify future long-term winners.
 - Our average holding period is 5 years
 - We have an investigative journalist embedded into team who helps uncover "is this management team one we can invest alongside, for the long haul?"



Alpha

- ▶ Our powerhouse to long-term investor success is superior stock selection. But we want to avoid taking investors off a cliff, so we carefully assess the downside potential of every investment. We have:
 - Consistently outperformed value peers
 - Developed a robust repeatable process over the last 15 years



Nedgroup Investments Contrarian Value Equity Fund

Introducing the Nedgroup Investments Contrarian Value Equity Fund

Key facts

Objective	To provide market-beating returns over a full market cycle, with equity-like risk
Performance indicator	MSCI ACWI
Inception	May 2017 (Strategy), June 2018 (Fund)
AUM	US\$ 1.7bn (Strategy), US\$ 250m (Fund)
Portfolio Yield	1.7%
Peer group	IA Sector: Global Morningstar: Global Large Cap Value Equity
SRRI rating	6
SFDR status	Article 6
Portfolio Managers (Managed by FPA, powered by Nedgroup Investments)	Steven Romick, Brian Selmo, Mark Landecker

Guidelines and limits

Market cap:	Over \$10bn
Number of holdings typically:	30-50 stocks
Position sizes typically	5-10%
Max industry exposure	25%
Cash	Fully invested in equity markets, typically up to 5%

More than 15 years of contrarian value investing together

An investment approach tested across style rotations

1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
MSCI World Value: 20.5% p.a.	MSCI World Growth: 12.3% p.a.	MSCI World Value: 1.8% p.a.	MSCI World Growth: 11.1% p.a.	MSCI World Growth: 13.8% p.a.
MSCI World Growth: 17.3% p.a.	MSCI World Value: 10.5% p.a.	MSCI World Growth: -2.5% p.a.	MSCI World Value: 7.8% p.a.	MSCI World Value: 7.3% p.a.
	Steven Romick 39 years in the industry 27 years managing equity & multi-asset portfolios			
			Mark Landecker 24 years in the industry 16 years managing equity & multi-asset portfolios	
			Brian A. Selmo 23 years in the industry 15 years managing equity & multi-asset portfolios	

Decade returns for index shown except 2020s (to month-end)

Analyst responsibilities

Portfolio manager responsibilities



A long-term philosophy is deeply engrained in everything we do

We believe investors can generate long-term success through:



1. Long-term fundamental research



2. Carefully paying attention to the downside potential



3. Holding our nerve



A stable team with diverse perspectives delivers consistency



Brian A. Selmo

Partner, Co-Portfolio Manager,
Research Analyst
(2008)



Mark Landecker

Partner, Co-Portfolio Manager,
Research Analyst
(2009)



Steven Romick

Managing Partner, Co-Portfolio
Manager, Research Analyst
(1993)

Chris Lozano

Research Analyst (2011)

Coverage includes:
*Cables, media, natural
resources and restructurings*

Sean Korduner

Research Analyst (2013)

Coverage includes:
*Oil & gas, health care,
consumer staples*

Scott Cendrowski

Investigative Journalist (2018)

- Conducts research on company management.
- Engages with a network of stakeholders to deepen understanding of management quality.
- Undertakes special research projects

Kyle Allen-Niesen

Research Analyst (2016)

Coverage includes:
Generalist

Alex Wong

Research Analyst (2016)

Coverage includes:
*Video games, online
platforms*

Andrew Morovati

Research Analyst (2020)

Coverage includes:
Software and rail roads

Daniel Breen

Research Analyst (2023)

Coverage includes:
*Generalist, special
research projects*

Byron Sun

Research Analyst (2015)

Coverage includes:
*Communication services,
industrials*

John Harris

Research Analyst (2023)

Coverage includes:
*Global holding companies,
office REITs, select testing
and inspection companies*

Communication & collaboration:

- ▶ Weekly team meeting
- ▶ Monthly portfolio management meeting
- ▶ One-to-one meetings between analysts and the Director of research
- ▶ Monthly analyst new ideas pitch
- ▶ Continuous team interactions

Long-term investment success starts with the best ideas, *not the index*

Idea generation comes from multiple sources

We pay attention to cheap or depressed names from:

- Our watchlist of ~500 high quality businesses
- Emerging industries e.g. value-added resellers
- Niche names e.g. Manchester United Plc
- New analyst-led ideas
- Broker research

Fundamental research helps identify long-term winners. We:

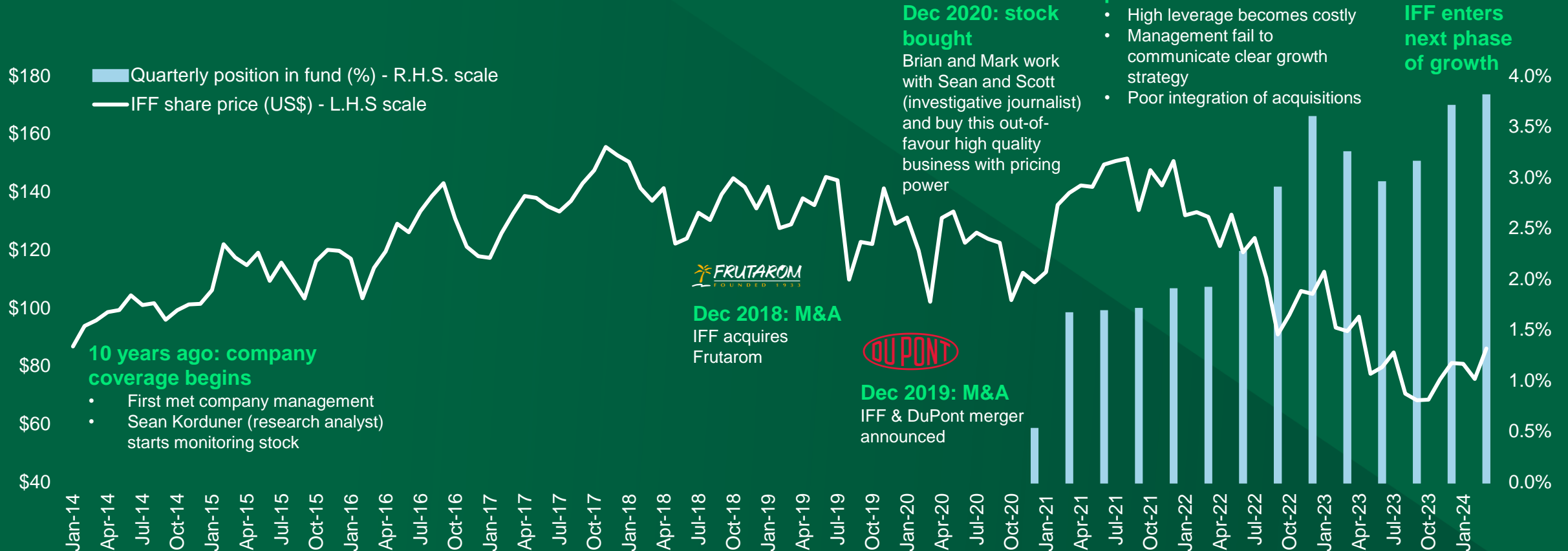
- Hunt for out-of-favour stocks with long-term, market-leading return prospects.
- Conduct rigorous bottom-up research and meet with management to deepen our understanding.
- Integrate an investigative journalist to evaluate management's ability to deliver over the long-term.
- Discuss recommendations within our investment committee.
- Assess risks using a worst-, base- and best-case framework to unlock investment potential.

30 – 50 stock portfolio

- We construct a portfolio that represents our best ideas for long-term return generation

Is this *really* a “buy” opportunity?

Case study: International Flavours & Fragrances **iff**



Avoiding the cliff edge

We believe risk is best managed by understanding each investment's operational and earnings risk

Avoiding value traps

Each investment is evaluated regularly on a worst-, base and best-case scenario basis to mitigate against losses.

► Case study: IFF

5-year estimates at the time of buying	Worst case	Base case	Best case
Revenue (US\$)	12,430	13,331	14,271
Earnings per share (US\$)	6.46	8.37	10.02
Dividends (US\$)	884	956	1,085
Leverage (Debt/EBITDA)	3.0	2.1	1.7

Having a disciplined sell framework

- We prefer developing a range of future outcomes rather than relying on point estimates.
- We revisit the modelled scenarios regularly given the ups and downs of companies.

Some of our reasons for exiting a position include:

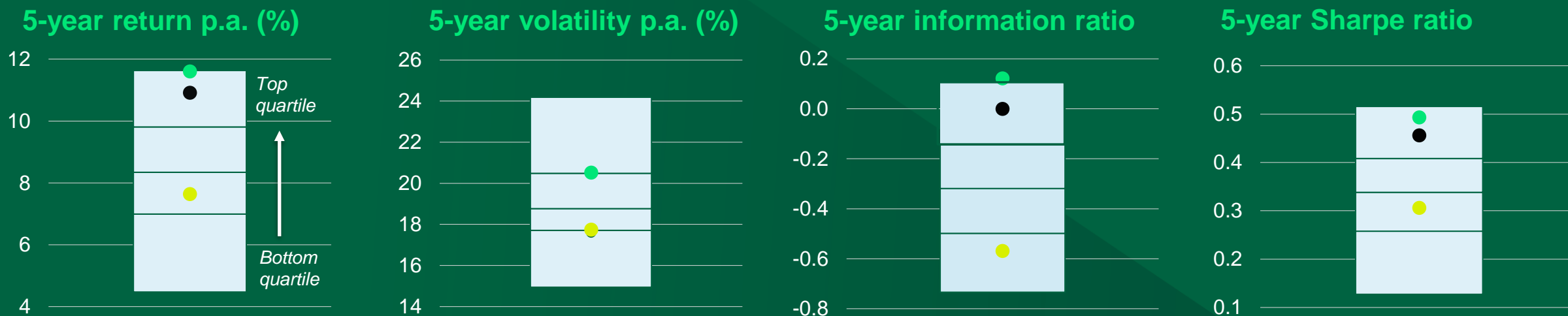
- Loss of confidence in management
- Less dynamic future growth
- Deteriorating fundamentals
- Company reaches fair value

Managing overall portfolio risk

The portfolio is reviewed regularly to guard against:

- Excess idiosyncratic risks
- Aggregate risks such as sensitivity to macro factors
- Breaches of limits

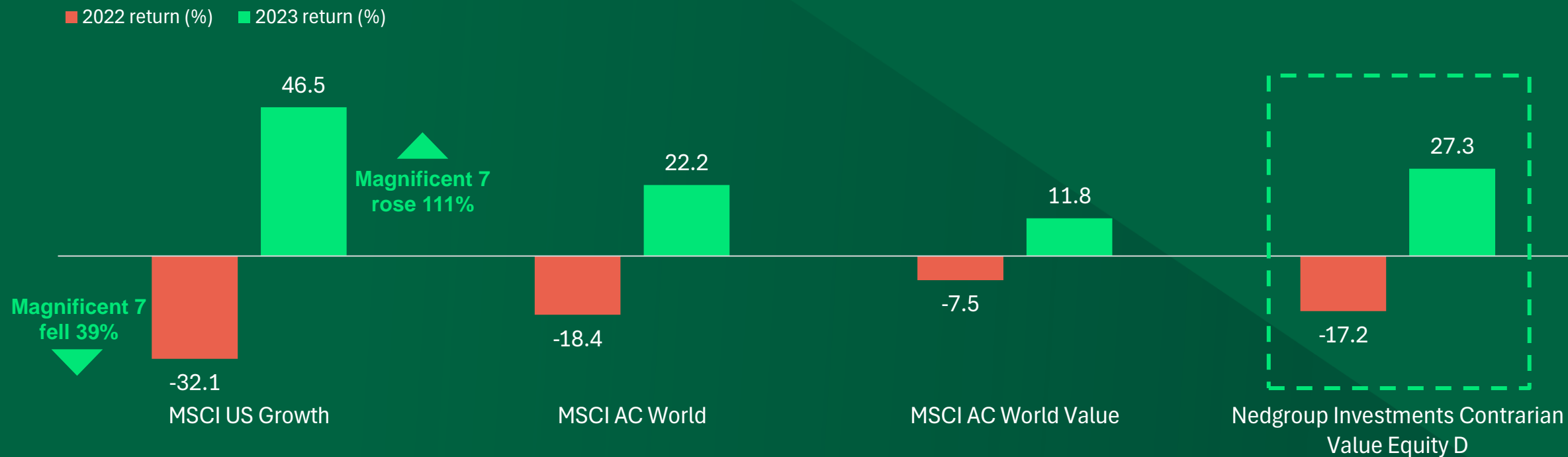
Superior outcomes vs value peers



- Nedgroup Investments Contrarian Value Equity Fund Class D
- MSCI AC World
- MSCI AC World Value
- Peer group shown is Global Value Equity

Growth has finally found its match

Market-beating returns with stronger upside than traditional value



Quality and a long-term focus are key characteristics

Contrarian value with quality characteristics

	P/E (12-month forward)	P/B	Dividend yield	EPS growth (3-year forward)	Return on Equity	Debt/Capital	Weighted Average Market Cap
Fund	15.5x	2.0x	1.7%	22%	15.4%	42.3%	365,830
MSCI ACWI	16.5x	2.8x	1.9%	12%	11.7%	49.2%	25,402

Long-term focus (%)

22.3 Turnover (calendar year)

90% Active share

Top 10 convictions

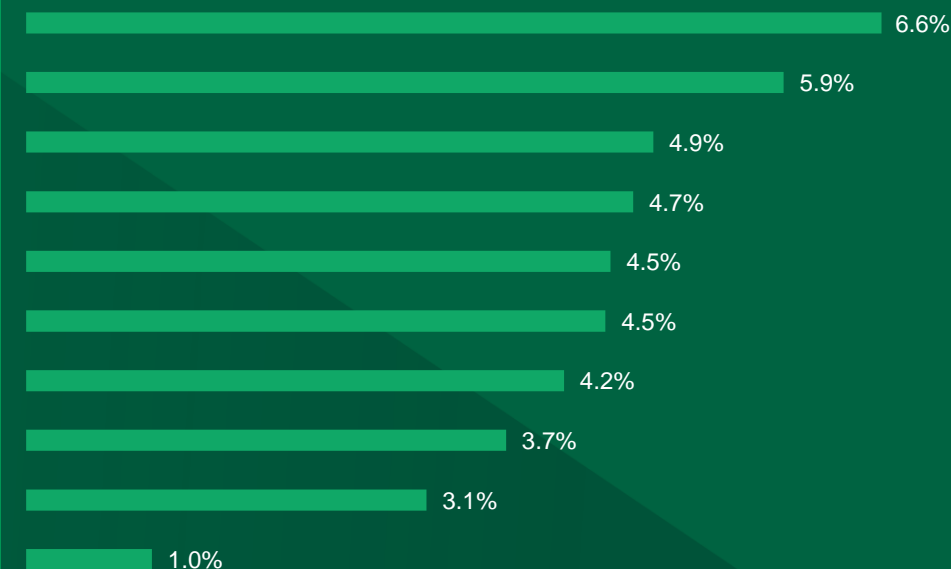
Portfolio

Rank	Holding	Position (%)
1	Alphabet	8.9%
2	Holcim	5.9%
3	Meta Platforms	5.7%
4	Comcast Corp	5.2%
5	Analog Devices	4.8%
6	Citigroup Inc	4.7%
7	TE Connectivity	4.6%
8	Intl Flavors & Fragrances	3.8%
9	Wells Fargo & Co	3.4%
10	Amazon.com	3.3%
Total		50.2%

MSCI ACWI

Position (%)	Rank
2.3%	6
0.1%	304
1.5%	5
0.3%	60
0.1%	133
0.2%	105
0.1%	280
0.0%	674
0.3%	46
2.3%	4
7.2%	

Relative Weight



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Appendix

Key risk considerations

Volatility

- The fund's priority is to generate marketing-beating returns over the long-term through contrarian stocks.
- This can result in stock price fluctuations over the investment horizon and market-like risk to achieve the fund objective.

Downside risk

- While every effort is taken to review the downside risk of each investment regularly using bottom-up research, the fund is not immune to declines.
- For example, a deterioration of the fundamentals could lead to a fall in stock price. In addition, there are times when macro or other external factors could hurt company earnings in the near-term.
- The fund should be considered as a long-term investment to benefit from the risk taken.

Investment risk

- The portfolio is constructed to have a balance of return drivers however, the high conviction nature of the fund means that each position represents a meaningful contribution to the fund's returns.
- It is possible that the investment thesis of a stock does not work out over the time horizon intended and we lose confidence in management's ability to deliver. Should that occur, the team would take appropriate timely action.

The Nedgroup Investments Advantage

Everyone should benefit from the difference that the best boutiques bring.
We do this by:

1. Championing boutiques

We create the right conditions for fund managers to flourish and deliver consistently strong outcomes.

2. Selecting the exceptional

We are dedicated to finding exceptional fund managers - our deep experience as multi-asset investors, gives us a distinct advantage.

3. Partnering for decades

We foster multi-decade relationships to provide clients more choice, better access and alignment with their investments.



Harnessing the power of boutiques

Long-term track record (composite)

	Since Inception (05/01/17)	5-Year	3-Year	1-Year	YTD	QTD
Contrarian Value Equity Composite (Gross)	10.02%	13.35%	7.57%	29.46%	29.46%	12.07%
Contrarian Value Equity Composite (Net)	8.93%	12.23%	6.51%	28.20%	28.20%	11.80%
MSCI ACWI	9.22%	11.72%	5.75%	22.20%	22.20%	11.03%
Excess Gross Return vs. MSCI ACWI	0.80%	1.63%	1.82%	7.26%	7.26%	1.04%

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017 (05/01/17 to 12/31/17)
Contrarian Value Equity Composite (Gross)	29.46%	-17.45%	16.46%	13.95%	31.91%	-11.26%	13.81%
Contrarian Value Equity Composite (Net)	28.20%	-18.28%	15.32%	12.94%	30.63%	-12.15%	13.07%
MSCI ACWI	22.20%	-18.36%	18.54%	16.25%	26.60%	-9.41%	14.18%
Excess Gross Return vs. MSCI ACWI	7.26%	0.92%	-2.08%	-2.31%	5.31%	-1.85%	-0.37%

As of December 31, 2023. Data from FPA and Morningstar Direct (Index data). Inception of the Contrarian Value Equity ("CVE") Strategy is May 1, 2017.

* Composite performance presented above represents the actual asset-weighted gross and net performance of all accounts in the CVE Strategy since inception date of May 1, 2017.

Net returns reflect the net realized and unrealized returns after the deduction of all operational costs (including brokerage commissions), management fees, and other fees and expenses. Net returns are calculated using a 1.0%

model management fee, which is the maximum fee that can be charged for the accounts in the CVE Strategy. Since inception performance is annualized. Performance figures are estimated and unaudited. Performance data assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. Actual returns for an investor in the CVE Strategy will vary. There can be no assurance that the CVE Strategy's investment objective will be achieved or that the strategies employed will be successful. Comparison to the MSCI ACWI Index, or any other Index is for illustrative purposes only. The CVE Strategy does not include outperformance of any index or benchmark in its investment objectives.

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Please see the accompanying FPA Contrarian Value Equity ("CVE") Strategy Composite GIPS presentation in the Appendix for additional information and important disclosures.

Annual returns for Contrarian Value Equity Composite



Year	Gross of Fees	Net of Fees	MSCI ACWI NR	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	Number of Portfolios	Internal Composite Dispersion	Composite 3 Year Std Dev	MSCI ACWI 3 Year Std Dev
2022	-17.44%	-18.28%	-18.36%	1,700	23,836	10	0.86%	24.00%	20.14%
2021	16.46%	15.32%	18.54%	1,591	29,370	7	0.45%	21.64%	17.08%
2020	13.95%	12.82%	16.25%	1,284	26,142	6	N/A	22.84%	18.38%
2019	31.91%	30.63%	26.60%	98	28,858	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018	-11.26%	-12.16%	-9.41%	71	26,388	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017*	13.81%	13.07%	14.18%	80	31,035	1	N/A	N/A	N/A

Composite results explanation and disclosures

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2. The Composite includes all discretionary portfolios managed in the FPA Contrarian Value Equity Strategy (the "Strategy"). The Composite was inceptioned and created on May 2017. The Strategy seeks to generate market-beating returns over the long-term while taking similar risk to the market and seeks to minimize the risk of the permanent impairment of capital on the total portfolio. The portfolio managers look for investments that are out-of-favor or misunderstood and focus on long-equity investments. The Strategy invests across the capital structure, geographies, industries, and market-caps. Additionally, the portfolio managers are willing to hold meaningful amounts of cash.
3. The Composite's illustrative index is the MSCI All Country World Index NR ("MSCI ACWI"). Index returns are provided to represent the investment environment during the time periods shown. For comparison purposes, index returns do not reflect taxes, transaction costs, investment management fees or other fees and expenses that would reduce performance in an actual account. It is not possible to directly invest in an index.
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6. Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of the annual gross returns of all portfolios included in the Composite for the entire year. Dispersion is not presented for periods where fewer than five accounts are included in the Composite for the full year as it is not considered statistically meaningful. 7. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite and index gross returns over the preceding 36-month period. The three-year annualized standard deviation calculation is not presented for periods with less than 36 months of composite history. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

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