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### **OBJECTIVE**

Invests in companies that range in market capitalizations to create a diversified portfolio of businesses with capital appreciation potential.

### **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

Confluence's investment philosophy is a bottom-up, fundamental approach that seeks to generate above-average returns over the long-term by identifying businesses that possess substantial competitive advantages and are trading at discounts to our estimate of intrinsic value. Advantages may include strong brand names, highly differentiated services or products, dominant market share, flexible pricing power, protected technology or specialized industrial skill sets. Companies have the ability to generate high levels of cash flow and are led by management teams that create shareholder wealth.

The investment process focuses on managing risk, which we define as the probability of a permanent loss of capital, by owning quality businesses at attractive valuations diversified across a variety of market sectors. This discipline strives to protect investors on the downside while enhancing upside potential. Over time, we believe this approach positions the portfolio to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns.

### **OVERVIEW**

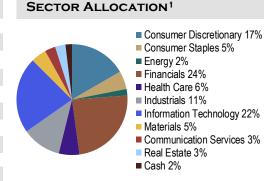
- ♦ Companies range in market capitalizations
- Stocks selected through independent research, evaluating the fundamentals
  of individual companies, and purchased when trading at discounts to our
  estimate of intrinsic value
- ♦ 3% position sizes
- ♦ Low-to-moderate turnover
- Appropriate for clients whose primary objective is capital appreciation and whose secondary objective is dividend income

CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup>	ALL CAP VALUE	S&P 500	R3000 VALUE
Dividend Yield	1.0%	1.6%	2.3%
Number of Positions	30-35	505	2,341
Annual Turnover (5-yr Rolling)	13%		

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MARKET CAP <sup>1</sup>	ALL CAP VALUE	S&P 500	R3000 Value		
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	150.3	489.3	125.3		
Largest Market Cap (\$B)	1,681.6	2,256.0	1,185.1		
Median Market Cap (\$B)	35.6	25.6	2.0		
Smallest Market Cap (\$B)	0.7	3.2	-		
Large Cap (>\$10B)	79%				
Mid Cap (\$10B-\$2B)	16%				
Small Cap (<\$2B)	3%				

10 LARGEST HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>	
Hexagon AB	4.2%
Morningstar, Inc.	4.2%
Cannae Holdings, Inc.	3.6%
Frontdoor, Inc.	3.6%
Black Knight, Inc.	3.5%
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	3.5%
NXP Semiconductors N.V.	3.5%
Graco Inc.	3.4%
The Progressive Corporation	3.4%
Starbucks Corporation	3.3%



### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

# SECURITY SELECTION GREAT COMPANIES AT BARGAIN PRICES

Our disciplined investment process is research-driven, seeking to uncover "great companies" trading at bargain prices. We define great companies as those with the following attributes:

### **Durable Competitive Advantages**

- Meaningful pricing power
- ♦ High barriers to entry
- Superior return on capital over extended periods of time

### Free Cash Flow

- ♦ Substantial amount available to benefit shareholders
- Should far exceed the capital expenditures needed to maintain and grow the business

### Capable Management

- ♦ Demonstrated ability to effectively allocate capital
- Alignment of management's interest with investors through large personal investments in company stock

# BUY DISCIPLINE INVEST BASED ON PRICE AND PATIENCE

We believe focusing on high-quality companies and purchasing only when they're being offered at prices below our estimate of intrinsic value is an effective means for limiting downside risk, while maximizing total return potential over an investment cycle.

- Primary focus is price paid for a stock (discount to intrinsic value)
- Each portfolio company is evaluated to determine the highest price we will pay for a security
- This entry point is generally set at a 25%-50% discount to our internal estimate of intrinsic value
- ♦ Entry points are continually re-assessed
- Risk is defined as the probability of a permanent loss of capital as opposed to tracking error of a benchmark

New accounts may not be fully invested at inception if companies are trading above current entry points.

### SELL DISCIPLINE

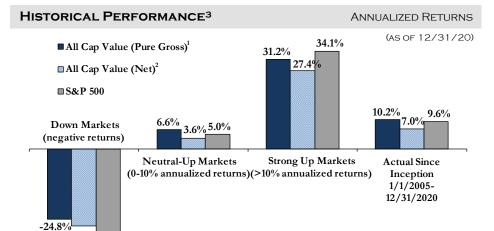
To help preserve capital, portfolio positions are continually reviewed.

A company's stock may be sold if:

- Share price reaches or exceeds our estimate of full valuation
- Company's fundamentals deteriorate
- More attractive opportunities are identified

### ABOUT CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

Confluence Investment Management is an independent Registered Investment Advisor located in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides professional portfolio management and advisory services to institutional and individual clients. Confluence's investment philosophy is based upon independent, fundamental research that integrates evaluation of market cycles, macroeconomics and geopolitical analysis with the firm's value-driven, company-specific approach. The portfolio management philosophy begins by assessing risk and follows through by positioning clients to achieve their income and growth objectives.



### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS<sup>4</sup>

Portfolio at Quarter End	vs. S&P 500	
Active Share (as of 12/31/20)	89.46%	
Since Inception**	Pure Gross-of-Fees <sup>1</sup>	S&P 500
Downside Capture Ratio	84.57	100.00
Alpha	1.13	0.00
Beta	0.93	1.00
Annualized Standard Deviation	15.50%	16.09%
R-Squared	0.94	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.52

<sup>\*\*</sup>Inception is 1/1/2005

### PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE RETURNS (For Periods Ending December 31, 2020)

	Pure Gross-of- Fees <sup>1</sup>	Net-of- Fees <sup>2</sup>	S&P 500	R3000 Value	Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of- Fees <sup>1</sup>	Net-of- Fees <sup>2</sup>	S&P 500	R3000 Value	Difference (Gross- S&P500)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	S&P 500 3yr Std Dev	R3000V 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion					
Since.	10.2%	7.0%	9.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	7.3%	2005	2.4%	(0.4%)	4.9%	6.9%	(2.5%)	242	\$27,603		N/A	N/A	N/A	0.5%
Inception**	10.270	7.070		1.570	2006	14.4%	11.3%	15.8%	22.3%	(1.4%)	224	\$26,916		N/A	N/A	N/A	0.6%					
15-Year*	10.7%	7.5%	9.9%	7.3%	2007	4.6%	1.8%	5.5%	(1.0%)	(0.9%)	220	\$27,835		6.9%	7.7%	8.3%	0.7%					
10-Year*	14.2%	10.9%	13.9%	10.4%	2008	(26.9%)	(28.9%)	(37.0%)	(36.2%)	10.1%	19	\$1,778	\$291,644	13.9%	15.1%	15.5%	N/A					
					2009	26.8%	23.0%	26.5%	19.8%	0.3%	33	\$11,558	\$533,832	18.6%	19.6%	21.3%	2.8%					
5-Year*	14.8%	11.4%	15.2%	9.7%	2010	9.7%	6.4%	15.1%	16.3%	(5.4%)	41	\$13,980	\$751,909	21.0%	21.9%	23.5%	0.5%					
3-Year*	14.7%	11.3%	14.2%	5.9%	2011	3.6%	0.5%	2.1%	(0.1%)	1.5%	40	\$14,294	\$937,487	18.4%	18.7%	21.0%	0.6%					
1-Year	17.3%	13.8%	18.4%	2.9%	2012	18.0%	14.5%	16.0%	17.6%	2.0%	40	\$11,654	\$1,272,265	14.6%	15.1%	15.8%	0.3%					
					2013	35.3%	31.3%	32.4%	32.7%	2.9%	73	\$22,893	\$1,955,915	11.2%	11.9%	12.9%	0.7%					
YTD	17.3%	13.8%	18.4%	2.9%	2014	14.7%	11.3%	13.7%	12.7%	1.0%	119	\$34,036	\$2,589,024	8.8%	9.0%	9.4%	0.4%					
QTD	14.7%	13.9%	12.1%	17.2%	2015	0.1%	(2.9%)	1.4%	(4.1%)	(1.3%)	207	\$50,568	\$3,175,419	10.0%	10.5%	10.7%	0.6%					
*Average constrained actions				2016	14.2%	10.8%	12.0%	18.4%	2.2%	345	\$91,109	\$4,413,659	9.7%	10.6%	11.0%	0.6%						
*Average annualized returns **Inception is 1/1/2005					2017	15.7%	12.3%	21.8%	13.2%	(6.1%)	649	\$167,342	\$5,944,479	8.7%	9.9%	10.3%	1.1%					
површина	1/1/2000				2018	(5.2%)	(8.0%)	(4.4%)	(8.6%)	(0.8%)	689	\$168,742	\$5,486,737	10.1%	10.8%	11.1%	0.6%					
					2019	35.6%	31.6%	31.5%	26.2%	4.2%	818	\$262,167	\$7,044,708	11.7%	11.9%	12.0%	1.1%					
Portfolio Benchmarks					2020	17.3%	13.8%	18.4%	2.9%	(1.1%)	953	\$333,804	\$6,889,798	18.5%	18.5%	20.0%	0.9%					

-26.9% -29.3%

S&P 500® Index - A capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

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Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS® standards.

2 Net-of-fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual bundled fee of 3.00% applied quarterly (2.75% prior to 7/1/08). This fee includes brokerage commissions, portfolio management, consulting services and custodial services. The Confluence fee schedule for this composite is as follows: 0.60% on the first \$500,000; 0.55% on the next \$500,000; and 0.50% over \$1,000,000. There are no incentive fees. Clients pay an all-inclusive fee based on a percentage of assets under management. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of fees. Bundled fee accounts make up 100% of th

capitalizations.

N/A-Composite Dispersion: Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite definition was changed to no longer emphasize global ADRs but the underlying portfolio and strategy did not change

<sup>3</sup>Historical Performance Chart—Annualized returns using calendar quarter performance data. Down Markets: annualized negative benchmark return; Neutral-Up Markets: annualized positive benchmark return is less than 10%; Strong Up Markets: annualized benchmark return is greater than 10%. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500°) is an unmanaged market capitalization-weighted index of 500 common stocks chosen for market size, liquidity & industry group representation to represent U.S. equity performance. Down Markets: Q1 '05, Q2 '06, Q4 '07-Q1 '09, Q2 '10, Q3 '11, Q2 '12, Q3 '15, Q1 '16, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q2 '19, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q2 '19, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q2 '19, Q1 '19, Q1 '19, Q2 '19, Q1 '1

4 Statistical Analysis—Active Share: Measures % of portfolio holdings that differ from benchmark index; calculated by taking the sum of the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each holding in manager's portfolio & the weight of each holding in benchmark index, as of the date shown, and dividing by two. (Calculated by Confluence. Index holdings/weights sourced from exchange-traded fund: iShares S&P 500 Core [IVV].)

Downside Capture Ratio: Measures performance in down markets relative to index (down market: any quarter where the market return is less than zero); lower Downside Capture Ratio indicates manager protected capital better during a market decline. Alpha: Measures nonsystematic return or return that cannot be attributed to the market, i.e., how manager performed if the market had no gain or loss. Beta: Measures portfolio world ility (systematic risk) compared to an appropriate benchmark index; e.g., Beta of 1.1 indicates the investment has approx. 10% more volatility in returns than benchmark index. Standard Deviation: Measures price variability (risk) over a period of time; higher Standard Deviation indicates more variability in returns. R-Squared: Indicates whether comparison index is an appropriate benchmark based on correlation; generally, R-Squared above 0.70 is desirable. Sharpe Ratio: Quantifies risk-adjusted performance by measuring excess return per unit of risk; higher Sharpe Ratio suggests better risk-adjusted performance. (Data source: Zephyr's PSN SMA Database)

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