

# S&P 500 DEI & ESG Strategy

## Q4 2023

December 31, 2023

### Annualized Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Gross of fees	11.76	22.78	22.78	-	-	-	-	2.37
Net of fees	11.71	22.56	22.56	-	-	-	-	2.21
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	11.69	26.29	26.29	-	-	-	-	3.78

<sup>1</sup> Inception Date: October 29, 2021 <sup>2</sup> Benchmark: S&P 500

### Characteristics

	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight
Excess return (gross since inception)	-1.41%	-
Excess return (net since inception)	-1.57%	-
Information Ratio (gross since inception)	-1.20%	-
Information Ratio (net since inception)	-1.36%	-
Holdings	229	503
P/E using FY1 est	21.9	21.4
P/E using FY2 est	19.4	19.3
Dividend yield	1.5%	1.5%
Historical 3 year EPS growth	17.5%	19.0%
Weighted average market cap	\$736,872.40mm	\$721,634.12mm

### Sector Weights (%)

	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight
Communication Services	8.78	8.58
Consumer Discretionary	11.59	10.85
Consumer Staples	4.58	6.16
Energy	3.21	3.89
Financials	13.93	12.97
Health Care	12.44	12.62
Industrials	6.61	8.81
Information Technology	30.23	28.86
Materials	1.96	2.41
Real Estate	4.70	2.52
Utilities	1.99	2.34

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio Weight
Microsoft Corporation	7.93
Apple Inc.	6.98
NVIDIA Corporation	3.56
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.18
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.36
Visa Inc. Class A	2.02
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	1.97
Meta Platforms Inc. Class A	1.73
Alphabet Inc. Class C	1.59
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	1.55

### Portfolio Facts

Inception date	10/29/2021
Assets in strategy	\$80.1mm
Benchmark	S&P 500
Predicted tracking error	Less than 1.5%
No. of stocks	B/m
Sectors	B/m $\pm$ 2%
Annual Turnover	Less than 50%
Min. investment	\$10mm
Vehicle(s) available	Separately managed

Total product assets shown above may include accounts that are not reflected in the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS)<sup>®</sup> report below. Portfolio characteristics are subject to change, and current holdings may differ. Past performance is not an indication of future results. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. A GIPS report is found at the end of this presentation. Statistics shown above are supplemental information to the GIPS report at the end of this presentation. Results represent preliminary data which is subject to change. For further performance data, please see the Xponance<sup>®</sup> S&P 500 DEI & ESG Strategy disclosures below.

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### Investment Philosophy & Process

This strategy is designed to provide clients with access to an investment product that has a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) goals like racial justice and workplace equity. This strategy uses unique and differentiated data from shareholder advocacy non-profit As You Sow, along with ESG data from Sustainalytics. The objective is to generate index like returns using a portfolio that has a better ESG profile and higher exposure to companies with positive DEI characteristics when compared to the S&P 500. The strategy is risk aware and has a low turnover.

### Distinguishing Attributes

- Structured and disciplined investment process
- Customized to incorporate ESG considerations
- Experienced investment team
- Corporate culture built on client service and diversity

### Trailing period performance as of 12/31/2023<sup>1</sup>

(%)	QTD	CYTD	1- Year	3- Years	5- Years	10- Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Composite Gross	11.76	22.78	22.78	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.37	11/30/21
Composite Net	11.71	22.56	22.56	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.21	
Index	11.69	26.29	26.29	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.78	

<sup>1</sup>Benchmark: S&P 500

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Gross of fee returns are presented before management fees, but after custodial fees and transaction costs and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee returns reflect the deduction of the actual management fees (including performance-based fees if applicable) from the monthly gross of fee returns. Actual management fees incurred by clients may vary.

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## Annual Disclosure Presentation

Year End	Performance Results (%)			3-Yr Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation (%)		Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$mm)
	Composite Gross TWR	Composite Net TWR	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Composite Gross	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>			
2022	-18.06	-18.17	-18.11	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	66
2021 <sup>2</sup>	4.37	4.35	4.48	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	N/A	57

Composite inception date: November 30, 2021.

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark: S&P 500

<sup>2</sup> Results shown for the calendar year 2021 represent partial period performance from November 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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**S&P 500 ESG and DEI Strategy Composite** contains fully discretionary S&P 500 accounts where the portfolios are constructed to achieve specific target weights for Racial Justice and Workplace Equity Scores from As You Sow and ESG Risk Ratings from Sustainalytics. The S&P 500 ESG and DEI Strategy Composite was created on November 30, 2021. For comparison purposes this strategy is measured against the S&P 500 Index. The S&P 500 is an index of 500 stocks seen as a leading indicator of U.S. equities and a reflection of the performance of the large cap universe. The S&P 500 is a market value weighted index and one of the common benchmarks for the U.S. stock market.

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures is not presented because 36 monthly returns are not available.

Internal dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented.

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