

# **DIVERSIFIED EQUITY STRATEGY**

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

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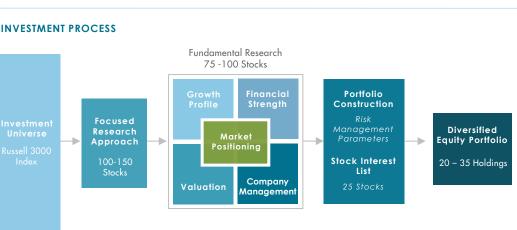
# **STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Research Intensive:** Stock selection emphasizes well-managed companies with sustainable earnings growth
- > Focus on Quality: Aim to hold stocks for long term and protect returns when markets decline
- Unrestricted Opportunity Set: Core approach allows us to pursue quality companies with either growth or value-oriented characteristics

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERIST	ICS		MARKET CA	P ANAL	YSIS
	Strategy	Index		Strategy	Index
Return on Assets	15.9%	13.3%	< \$5 Billion	2.5%	4.1%
Return on Equity	28.8%	26.3%	\$5 - \$25 Billion	15.6%	11.3%
Return on Total Capital	31.0%	27.7%	> \$25 Billion	81.9%	84.6%
LT Debt/Capital	39.7%	39.4%	> \$25 DIIIIOII	01.7/0	04.0%
Dividend Yield	0.6%	1.3%			
Historical 3 Yr. Sales Growth	16.8%	16.2%			
Historical 3 Yr. EPS Growth	22.7%	24.7%			
Historical 5 Yr. EPS Volatility	24.2%	25.4%			
Estimated PE (FY1)	32.2x	27.7x			
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap (\$MM)	\$1,051,279	\$963,123			
Trailing 12-Month Turnover	30.2%	-			
Number of Holdings	28	2,972			

# TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% of Portfolio	Sector
NVIDIA Corporation	8.0%	Information Technology
Microsoft Corporation	6.6%	Information Technology
Amazon.com, Inc.	6.1%	Consumer Discretionary
Alphabet, Inc.	6.0%	Communication Services
Apple, Inc.	4.4%	Information Technology
Mastercard, Inc.	3.7%	Financials
TransDigm Group, Inc.	3.6%	Industrials
T-Mobile US, Inc.	3.5%	Communication Services
Performance Food Group Co.	3.4%	Consumer Staples
Corpay, Inc.	3.2%	Financials



## > Style: All Cap Core

- > Approach: Active; Bottom Up
- Benchmark: Russell 3000 Index
- ▶ Inception: 1/1/1993
- Strategy Assets: \$634 MM

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Aaron C. Clark, CFA Daniel L. Miller, CFA

Strategy

95.4%

91.5%

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Gross

Index

Risk Return

14.5%

13.9%

13.4%

18.4%

18.7%

**Domestic Equity** Investment Professionals

Average Years Experience

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	10-Year Market	Capture Ratios	
Index		Strategy	Index
100.0%	Upside	93.9%	100.0%
100.0%	Downside	91.5%	100.0%

#### 10-Year Risk / Return

26

14%			Risk	Return
		Strategy – Gross	15.6%	12.5%
13%		Index	15.7%	12.5%
11%		Strategy – Net	15.6%	11.4%
13	5% 16% 16%			

18.4% 18% 19% 19%

5-Year Market Capture Ratios

Upside

1.5%

14%

13%

Downside

5-Year Risk / Return

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## SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

	Strategy	Index
Information Technology	30.1%	29.9%
Industrials	14.8%	9.4%
Health Care	14.3%	10.4%
Financials	12.1%	14.3%
Communication Services	9.5%	8.9%
Consumer Discretionary	8.9%	11.4%
Consumer Staples	3.4%	5.3%
Materials	3.1%	2.3%
Energy	1.6%	3.4%
Real Estate	0.0%	2.6%
Utilities	0.0%	2.2%
Cash	2.3%	0.0%

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. There is a risk that invested capital may be lost. Source: Factset, Risk/return and market capture are based on historical monthly returns. Holdings are based on a representative account. There is no guarantee the holdings from the representative account will form part of any future implementation of the Strategy, and should not be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell any security. Please refer to page 2 for GW&K's Disclosure Statement, which is an integral part of our presentation, for an explanation of our composite criteria, calculations and index descriptions. All data as of 12/31/2024

#### FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

#### **Market Positioning**

• Leading companies in attractive and defensible niche markets

### **Growth Profile**

- Business models that deliver consistent long-term growth
- Resilient through economic cycles

# **Financial Strength**

- Strong financial characteristics
- Strong cash flow • Prudent use of debt

# **Company Management**

• Visionary leadership, high-quality management • Committed to long-term enhancement of shareholder value

#### Valuation

• Attractive valuation metrics in relation to industry peers and own company history



# DIVERSIFIED EQUITY STRATEGY

ANNUALIZED RETURNS					<i>Period Ending 12/31/2024</i>		
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
GW&K Diversified Equity Composite – Gross	0.50%	18.42%	18.42%	6.23%	14.55%	12.51%	
Russell 3000 Index	2.63%	23.81%	23.81%	8.01%	13.86%	12.55%	
GW&K Diversified Equity Composite – Net	0.25%	17.26%	17.26%	5.18%	13.42%	11.40%	

Returns less than one year are not annualized.

#### CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

CALENDAR TEAR RETORNS								incep		1/1/1993
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
GW&K Diversified Equity Composite – Gross	18.42%	31.08%	-22.77%	17.78%	39.66%	37.91%	-4.37%	17.06%	6.33%	0.35%
Russell 3000 Index	23.81%	25.96%	-19.21%	25.66%	20.89%	31.02%	-5.24%	21.13%	12.74%	0.48%
GW&K Diversified Equity Composite – Net	17.26%	29.81%	-23.55%	16.63%	38.31%	36.58%	-5.32%	15.92%	5.28%	-0.64%

Source: FactSet

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market conditions. Additional information regarding the policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports, as well as a complete list and description of the firm's composites and pooled funds is available upon request by contacting info@gwkinvest.com.

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Gross returns are used for the composite calculation. The standard deviation measure is presented annually, for periods where 36 monthly returns are available.

The firm uses an asset-weighted standard deviation calculation to measure dispersion, which is reported on a yearly basis. Dispersion is used to measure the volatility of gross portfoir oreturns within the composite. Only portfolios that have been included in the composite for the full year are included in the dispersion calculation. Where dispersion is listed as N/A, the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. To account for advisory fees, net performance results reflect the deduction of the maximum fee (1.00% annually, applied monthly) GW&K Investment Management would charge for managing portfolios in this Strategy. Client fees may vary.

The performance shown is compared to the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 3000 Index is a broad based market weighted index comprised of 3,000 companies representing approximately 98% of the US equity market capitalization. On December 1, 2023, the benchmark for the Diversified Equity Strategy was changed from the S&P 500 Index to the Russell 3000 Index for all periods. The new benchmark is a better representation of the Strategy. Effective June 30, 2015, the Russell 2000 Index was removed as a secondary benchmark for the Diversified Equity Strategy. The Strategy continues to have the flexibility to invest across the market cap spectrum, though there are no specific allocation targets for investing in small or mid cap stocks. Indexes are not subject to fees and expenses typically associated with managed accounts or investment funds. Investments cannot be made directly in an index. Index data has been obtained from third-party data providers that GW&K believes to be reliable, but GW&K does not guarantee its accuracy, completeness or timeliness. Third-party data providers make no warranties or representations relating to the accuracy, completeness or timeliness of the data they provide and are not liable for any damages relating to this data. The third-party data may not be further redistributed or used without the relevant third-party's consent. Sources for index data include Bloomberg, FactSet, ICE, FTSE Russell, MSCI, and Standard & Poor's. Investing in securities or investment strategies, including GW&K's Investment Strategies presented in this document, involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. No investment process is free of risk; no strategy or risk management technique can guarantee returns or eliminate risk in any market environment. There is no guarantee that GW&K's investment processes will be profitable, and you therefore may lose money. The value of investments, as well as any investment income is not guaranteed and can fluctuate based on market conditions Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss. GW&K's active management styles include equity and fixed income strategies that are subject to various risks, including those described in GW&K's Form ADV Part 2A, Item 8. GW&K's Form ADV Part 2A may be found at the SEC's website under Firm 121942, or is available from GW&K upon request.

#### **3-YEAR STANDARD DEVIATION**

Year	GW&K Diversified Equity Composite (%)	Russell 3000 Index (%)
2024	17.60	17.56
2023	17.56	17.46
2022	20.72	21.48
2021	16.62	17.94
2020	18.23	19.41
2019	11.71	12.21
2018	12.00	11.18
2017	10.47	10.09
2016	11.36	10.88
2015	10.47	10.58

#### COMPOSITE STATISTICS

Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Total Composite Assets (\$000s)	Total Firm Assets (\$000s)
197	0.16	\$381,505	\$52,933,747
182	0.23	\$358,904	\$50,695,321
135	0.26	\$232,277	\$46,803,858
203	0.32	\$469,513	\$54,720,660
203	0.39	\$371,573	\$51,431,909
139	0.55	\$217,622	\$42,154,892
113	0.33	\$145,296	\$34,395,747
142	0.21	\$221,348	\$36,503,378
136	0.39	\$208,828	\$32,193,721
107	0.29	\$128,112	\$26,646,814
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