

## **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

### **INITIAL SCREEN**

A company must have at least a \$3 billion market cap and pay a dividend. Under normal circumstances, the strategy will invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of large cap companies (greater than \$25 billion) and intends to have a weighted average market capitalization of \$50 billion or larger. This narrows down the universe of stocks to approximately 700 - 900 different companies that trade in the United States.

### **DIVIDEND QUALITY**

Management needs to have a demonstrated commitment to a dividend policy. In particular we are looking for companies that supported dividend payouts through historical difficult times (Financial Crisis & COVID). We do not look at dividend payout ratios. Rather we consider free cash flow to be more important factor in determining the ability of the company to support and grow dividends for investors.

### **VALUATION ANALYSIS**

Our investment valuation process uses several parameters to determine if a stock is priced at attractive levels. Valuation is viewed through two lenses: 1) how the company compares against its respective valuation history 2) how does the company compare against other companies in the same industry. We ideally we are looking for companies that are addressing problems caused by poor decisions in the past that have caused their stocks to trade at discounted valuations, creating a catalyst for future improvement. Buying stocks at discounted levels plays a large part in explaining our lower participation in correcting market cycles.

### **EMERGING CATALYST OR TRANSFORMATIONAL STRATEGY**

We are not interested in simply buying cheap stocks with large dividend yields. There needs to be initiatives within the company that will create future profit growth creating desired stock appreciation. The catalyst can not be dependent on only expense reductions. While becoming more efficient is important, we are looking for more sustainable catalysts that will benefit investors for multiple years.

### **WHAT INVESTORS SHOULD EXPECT**

- A portfolio of stocks with a weighted average market capitalization greater than \$50 billion
- Every equity holding must pay a dividend
- Lower market volatility potential
- Up to 10% exposure in large cap international companies through American Depositary Receipts (ADRs).

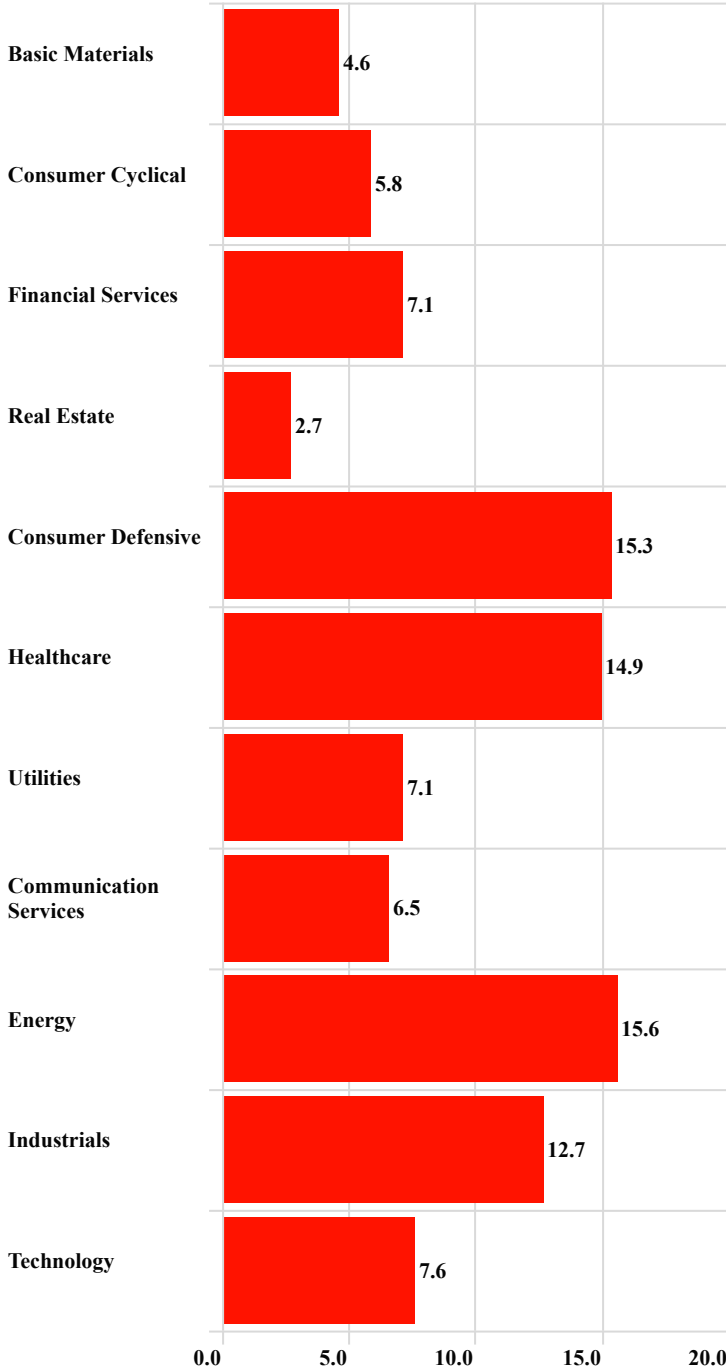
ADRs: These are financial instruments that represent ownership of shares in a foreign company that are traded on a U.S. stock exchange. They are denominated in U.S. dollars.



## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

### Sector Exposure

Portfolio Date: 3/31/2024



\*Dividend Yield %    Portfolio Weighting %

Phillips 66	2.73	4.39
Exxon Mobil Corp	3.15	4.28
International Business Machines Corp	3.50	4.04
Citigroup Inc	3.43	3.62
General Dynamics Corp	1.94	3.52
Merck & Co Inc	2.43	3.46
Gilead Sciences Inc	4.44	3.37
SPDR® Blmbg 1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF	—	3.19
Procter & Gamble Co	2.41	3.15
McDonald's Corp	2.50	3.14
Cisco Systems Inc	3.32	3.14
Prudential Financial Inc	4.50	3.10
Verizon Communications Inc	6.37	3.10
AT&T Inc	6.43	3.10
Chevron Corp	4.04	3.09

### Morgan Dempsey Large Cap Value ETF

*Dividend Yield	3.46
P/E Ratio (Trailing Twelve Months)	17.98
P/S Ratio (Trailing Twelve Months)	1.73

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## DISCLOSURES

\* **Dividend Yield %:** This calculation takes the most recently announced regular dividend and multiplies it by the annual dividend frequency of the company excluding any special dividends and divided by price to come up with the "Dividend Yield %." The 30-Day SEC Yield as of March 31, 2023 is 3.46%.

Price-to-Earnings Ratio (P/E): Current share price of a stock divided by its earnings per share.

Price-to-Sales Ratio (P/S): Current share price of a stock divided by its revenues per share.

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Equity Securities Risk – Equity securities, such as common stocks, are subject to market, economic and business risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate. Large-Capitalization Companies Risk. Large-capitalization companies may trail the returns of the overall stock market. Large-capitalization stocks tend to go through cycles of doing better – or worse – than the stock market in general. These periods have, in the past, lasted for as long as several years. Mid-Capitalization Companies Risk. Investing in securities of mid-capitalization companies involves greater risk than customarily is associated with investing in larger, more established companies. These companies' securities may be more volatile and less liquid than those of more established companies. Often mid-capitalization companies and the industries in which they focus are still evolving and, as a result, they may be more sensitive to changing market conditions. Value Style Investing Risk – Value investing involves the risk that an investment made in undervalued securities may not appreciate in value as anticipated or remain undervalued for long periods of time. New Fund Risk. The Fund is a recently organized management investment company with no operating history. As a result, prospective investors have no track record or history on which to base their investment decision. There can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to or maintain an economically viable size. Foreign Investment Risk. Returns on investments in foreign companies could be more volatile than, or trail the returns on, investments in securities of U.S. companies. Investments in or exposures to foreign markets are subject to special risks, including risks associated with foreign securities generally. Those special risks may arise due to differences in information available about issuers of securities and investor protection standards applicable in other jurisdictions; capital controls risks, including the risk of a foreign jurisdiction imposing restrictions on the ability to repatriate or transfer currency or other assets; currency risks; political, diplomatic and economic risks; regulatory risks; and foreign market and trading risks, including the costs of trading and risks of settlement in foreign jurisdictions.

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