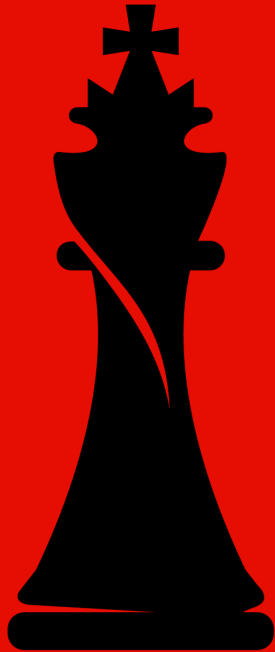




# ASTORIA US QUALITY KINGS (ROE)

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ETF Presentation, Q3-2023



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**ROE aims to diversify risk by equally weighting its constituents, avoiding the concentration risk associated with market-cap weighting.**

# COMPANY OVERVIEW

## Who We Are

Astoria Portfolio Advisors is an investment manager specializing in research-driven, cross-asset, ETF and quantitative equity portfolio construction. We deliver portfolio solutions, research, and sub-advisory services to advisors, corporations, and institutional clients. Established in 2017.

### Investment Philosophy and Approach

Astoria utilizes a quantitative approach to appropriately mitigate risk. We believe cross-asset diversification is fundamental in portfolio construction.

### Astoria's Solutions

Astoria's manages \$1.4 billion via sub-advisory, as an Outsourced CIO, and via ETFs. Our strategies are quantitatively constructed, globally diversified, and multi-asset, or serve as a compliment to such.

### What We Can Deliver

Astoria delivers ETFs, multi asset portfolios, and quantitatively driven equity portfolios.

## What We Do

Philosophy: Astoria Extracts Risk Premia via Factor Analysis. We Believe Blending Active and Passive Strategies is the True Sweet Spot for Active Management



### Astoria's Investment Process Is...

We believe this is a favorable environment for active management



### ...Active Management of....

Active management of cross asset, factor-based ETFs offers investors the best of both worlds



### ...Cross asset, factor-based ETF portfolios

This philosophy is the foundation of our ETF model portfolios, ETFs, and Factor US stock portfolios

# ASTORIA'S BACKGROUND IN QUANTITATIVE PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

**In 2000**

John Davi began his career in Quantitative Research in Merrill Lynch's Equity Derivatives Research group.

**In 2017**

Astoria began constructing and managing quantitatively driven, equal-weighted, factor-based portfolios, systematic in nature. Each focuses on a particular factor, i.e., quality, growth, and dividend yield.

**In 2023**

Astoria merged its expertise in cross-asset portfolio management and quantitative, rules-based stock selection to construct and bring to market ROE: the Astoria US Quality Kings ETF.



ROE attempts to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in 100 high quality US stocks in the large- and mid-cap space. ROE aims to diversify risk by equally weighting its constituents, avoiding the concentration risk associated with market-cap weighting.

Why do we favor high quality stocks? Higher quality stocks have historically been shown to drive outperformance of stocks versus the broader market. Astoria has decided to bring to market our systematic, active approach, and bring a solution to the marketplace.

# OUR BELIEFS

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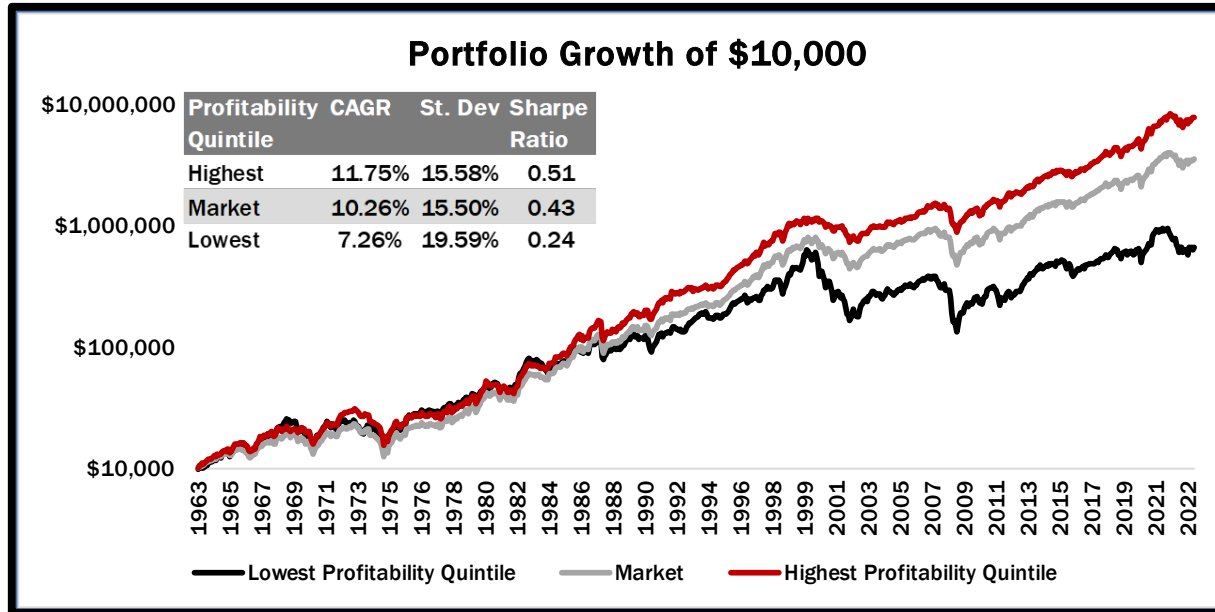
Market Cap Weighting Core Equity Exposure Has Pitfalls

The Quality Factor Historically Outperforms the Broader Market

Equal-Weighted, Quantitative Stock Selection Can Be Utilized to Generate Alpha

# HIGHER QUALITY COMPANIES HAVE HISTORICALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BROADER MARKET AND LOWER QUALITY COMPANIES

## Enhanced Returns of Higher Quality Companies



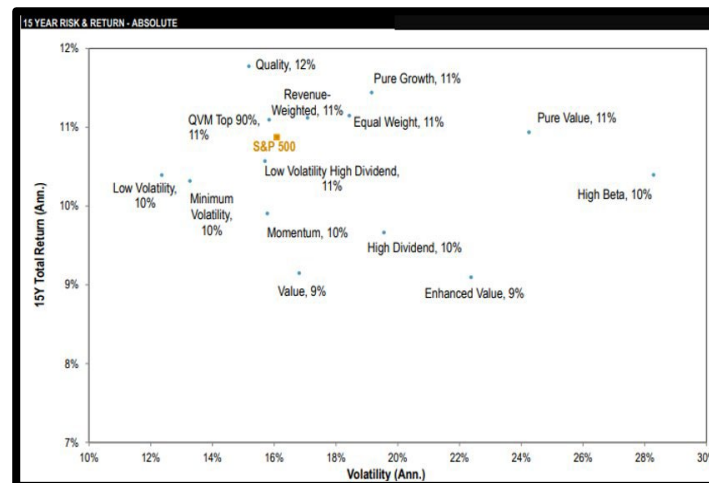
Source: Kenneth French Data Library, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. Data from July 1963, through May 2023, for which operating profitability returns were available. Quintiles based on returns for portfolios formed on operating profitability using the using the 202305 CRSP database. Operating profitability is operating profits (sales minus cost of goods sold, minus selling, general, and administrative expenses, minus interest expense) divided by book equity at the last fiscal year end of the prior calendar year. Chart represents the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in highest and lowest quintiles and the market from July 1963, through May 2023, and uses monthly returns. Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), Standard Deviation (St. Dev) and Sharpe Ratio are all annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

# OBSERVING HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE STATISTICS OF BOTH S&P AND MSCI FACTOR INDICES, THE QUALITY FACTOR HAS AN APPEALING RISK/RETURN PROFILE RELATIVE TO OTHERS (I.E., ATTRACTIVE CAGR, COMPARABLE RISK TO THE MARKET, HIGH SHARPE)

## MSCI Factor Indices: Risk/Return Metrics<sup>1</sup>

Factor	CAGR	St. Dev	Sharpe Ratio
Quality	8.05%	14.60%	0.49
Min Vol	6.98%	12.08%	0.48
Momentum	8.36%	16.12%	0.48
Low Size	7.38%	16.04%	0.42
Growth	7.44%	17.37%	0.40
Dividend Yield	6.25%	13.78%	0.39
Market	6.67%	15.47%	0.39
Value	5.42%	15.34%	0.31

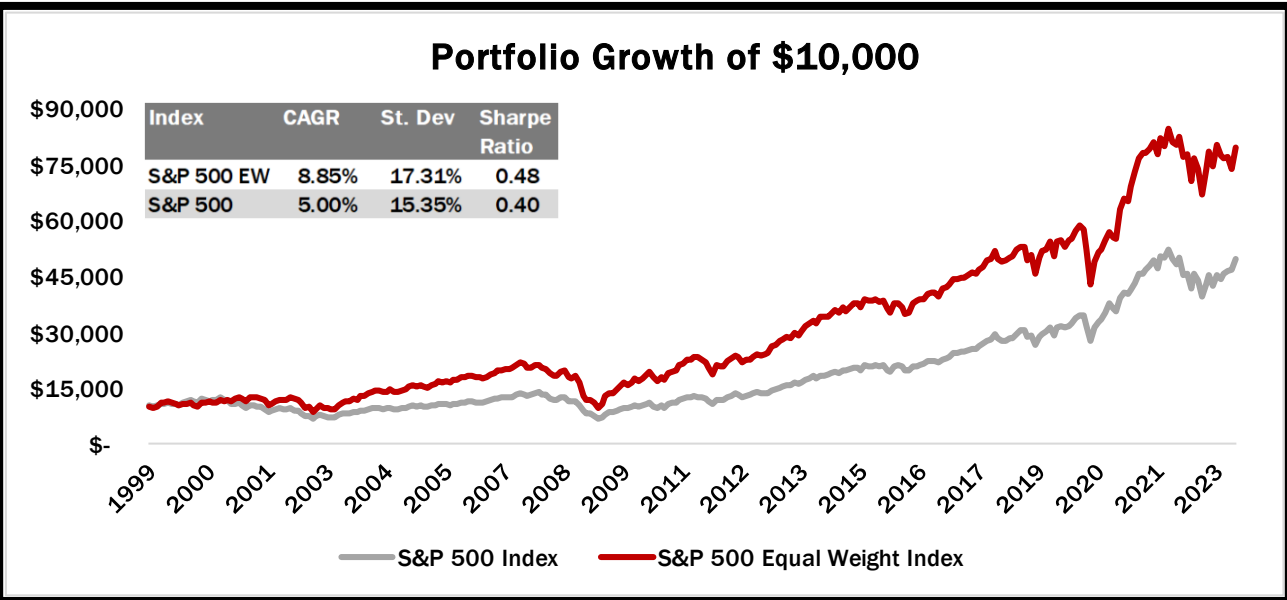
## S&P Factor Indices: Risk/Return Metrics<sup>2</sup>



1. Source: FactSet, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. Data from January 1999, through June 2023. Performance calculations uses net monthly returns. Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), Standard Deviation (St. Dev) and Sharpe Ratio are all annualized. For Growth, Quality, Value, Momentum, Dividend Yield, Minimum Volatility (Min Vol), Low Size, and Market, the following indices were used in respective order: MSCI USA Growth Index, MSCI USA Quality Index, MSCI USA Value Index, MSCI USA Momentum Index, MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index, MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index, MSCI USA Size Tilt Index, MSCI USA Index. 2. Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC and/or its affiliates. Data as of June 30, 2023. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Indices are typically not available for direct investment, are unmanaged, and do not incur fees or expenses.

# THE S&P 500 EQUAL WEIGHT INDEX HAS HISTORICALLY OUTPERFORMED THE S&P 500 INDEX, WHICH IS MARKET CAP WEIGHTED, SINCE 1999, INDICATING AN EQUAL WEIGHT APPROACH HAS SUSTAINED HISTORICAL SUCCESS

## S&P 500 Index vs. S&P 500 Equal Weight Index



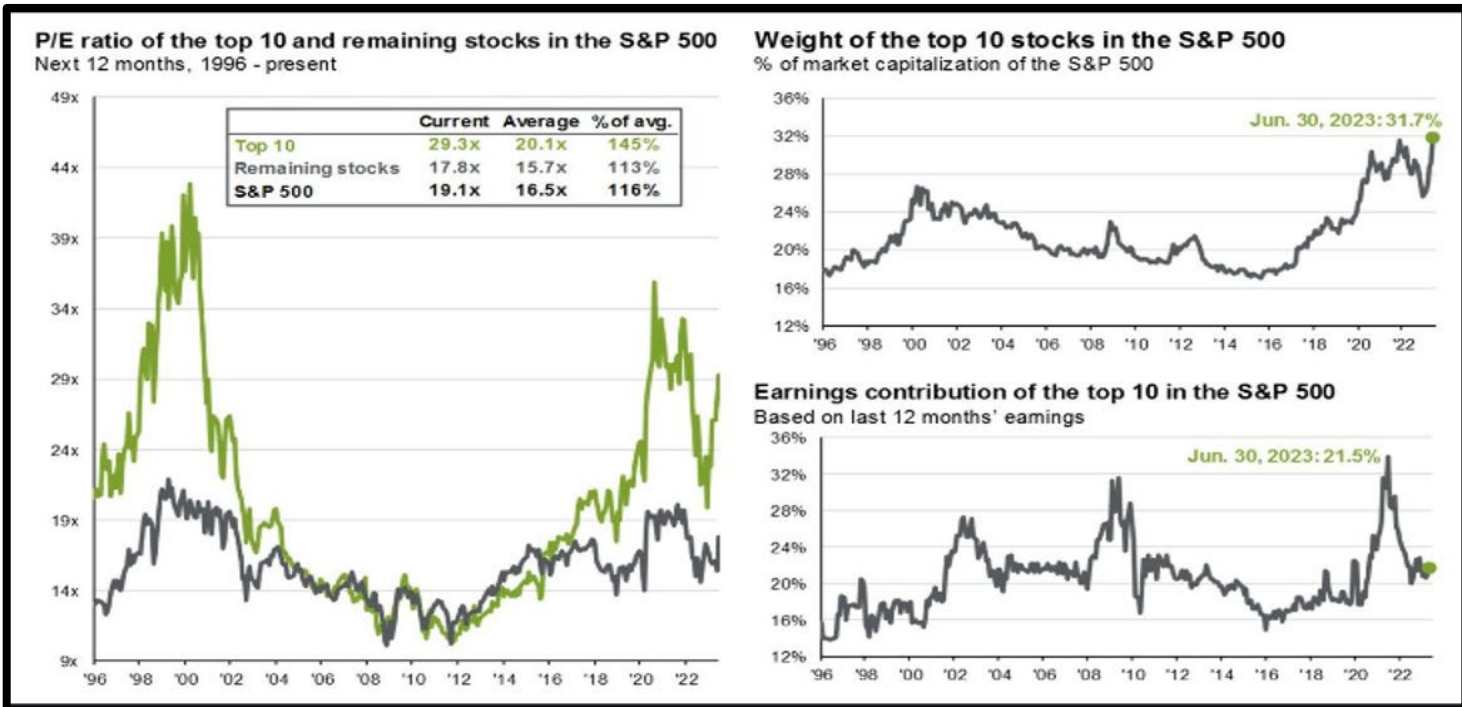
Source: FactSet, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. Data from January 1999, through June 2023. Chart represents the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in both indices since January 1999, through June 2023, and uses net monthly returns. Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), Standard Deviation (St. Dev) and Sharpe Ratio are all annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Indices are typically not available for direct investment, are unmanaged, and do not incur fees or expenses.





# THE TOP 10 STOCKS IN THE S&P 500 ARE EXPENSIVE RELATIVE TO THE INDEX: THEIR EARNINGS CONTRIBUTION HAS DECLINED WHILE THEIR WEIGHT HAS RISEN

## Top 10 Stocks In S&P 500 Index: P/E Ratio, Weight, and Earnings Contribution

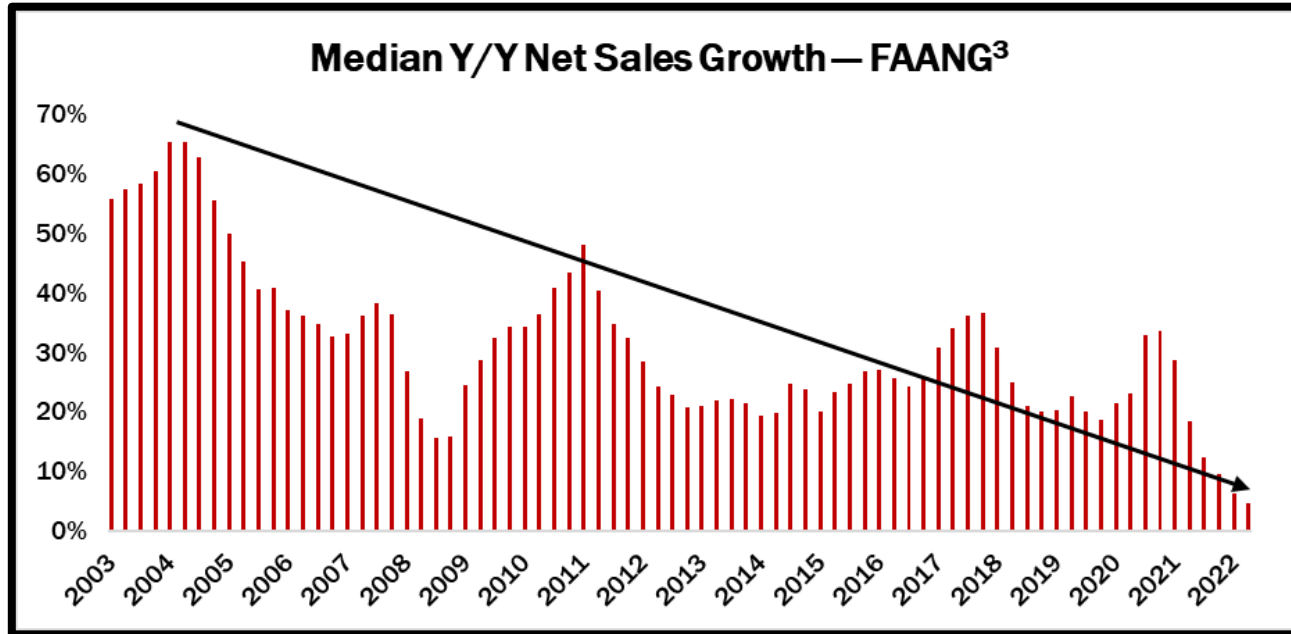


Source: JP Morgan



# THE MEDIAN Y/Y REVENUE GROWTH OF FAANG<sup>3</sup> IS AT 20-YEAR LOWS

## Declining Revenue Growth of FAANG<sup>3</sup>

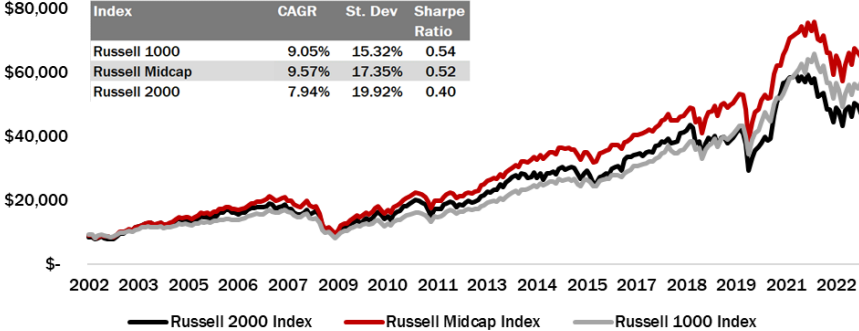


Source: FactSet, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. Data from December 31, 2003, through March 31, 2023. Year over year (Y/Y) net sales growth is calculated on quarterly last twelve months basis. 1. FAANG represents the following stocks: META (previously known as FB), AAPL, AMZN, NFLX, and GOOGL. As META did not IPO until May 18, 2012, public historical data is limited. As a result, sales data for this stock for the period December 31, 2003, through September 30, 2011, has been omitted, and only the median of the remaining four companies is displayed. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

# OBSERVABLE IN BOTH RUSSELL AND MSCI INDICES, MID-CAPS HAVE HISTORICALLY PRODUCED A HIGHER CAGR AND COMPARABLE SHARPE RATIO TO LARGE-CAPS OVER THE PAST 20+ YEARS

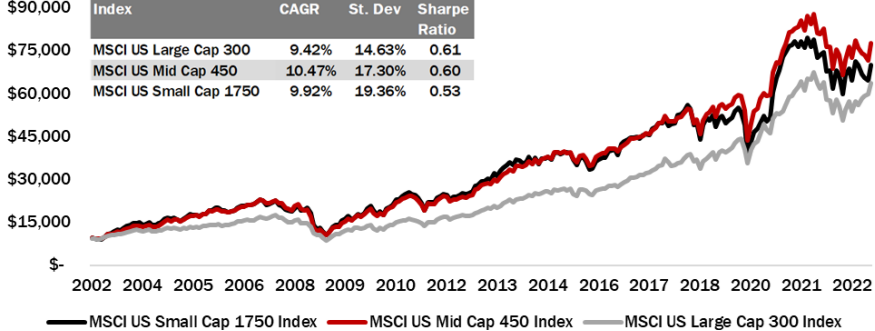
## Russell Indices: 1000 Mid vs. 2000<sup>4</sup>

Portfolio Growth of \$10,000<sup>4</sup>



## MSCI US Indices: Large vs. Mid vs. Small<sup>5</sup>

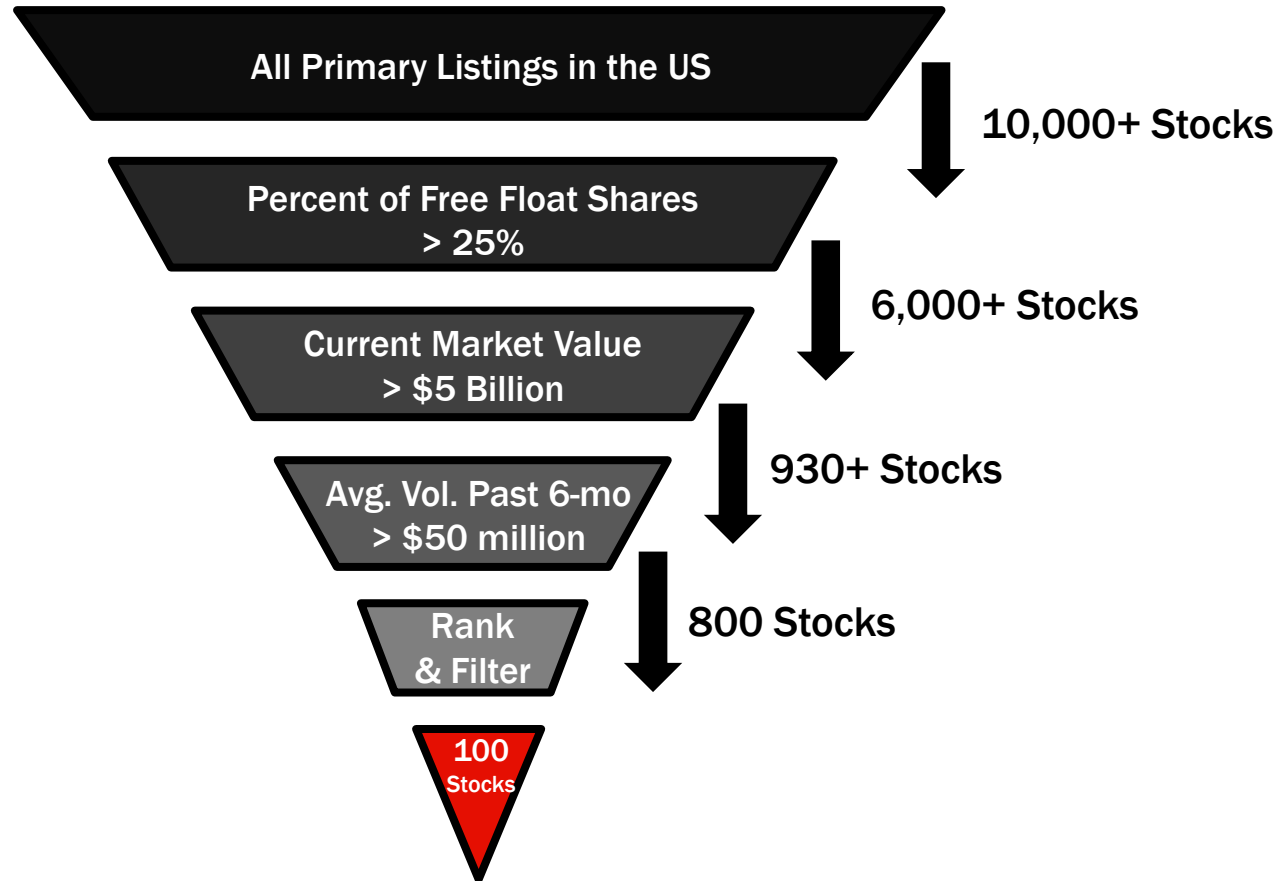
Portfolio Growth of \$10,000<sup>5</sup>



Source: FactSet, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. 4. Data from July 2002, through June 2023. Chart represents the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in all three indices since July 2002, through June 2023, and uses net monthly returns. For large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap, the following Russell indices were used in respective order: Russell 1000 Index, Russell Midcap Index, Russell 2000 Index. 5. Data from December 2002, through June 2023. Chart represents the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in all three indices since December 2002, through June 2023, and uses net monthly returns. For large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap, the following MSCI indices were used in respective order: MSCI US Large Cap 300 Index, MSCI US Mid Cap 450 Index, MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index. Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), Standard Deviation (St. Dev) and Sharpe Ratio are all annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Indices are typically not available for direct investment, are unmanaged, and do not incur fees or expenses.



# ROE STOCK SELECTION STARTING UNIVERSE



# ROE SCREENING AND RANKING PROCESS

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Stocks are picked in all 11 GICS sectors found across the equity market, using metrics corresponding to quality and robustness.

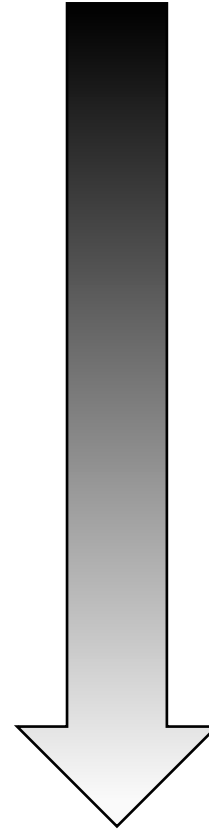
The metrics defining the factor are sector relative, i.e., the metrics that have best historically defined quality for that sector are the ones used.

Prior to ranking, each metric is adjusted by the respective sector's median on a sector-by-sector basis:

- The median value of each metric is calculated.
- The median value of each metric is subtracted from the original metric.
- The adjusted metric is used in the ranking process.

Ranking is calculated in deciles and is carried out across the whole universe, as well as across sectors.

The top-ranked stocks are selected in a sector-optimized fashion, relative to the broad US equity market.



# ROE PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

## Number of Stocks Across Market Caps

Market Cap Range (\$MM)	Number of Stocks
190,201 - 3,039,100	10
114,929 - 190,201	10
55,371 - 114,929	10
39,041 - 55,371	10
31,679 - 39,041	10
19,052 - 31,679	10
16,134 - 19,052	10
10,480 - 16,134	10
7,856 - 10,480	10
5,088 - 7,856	10

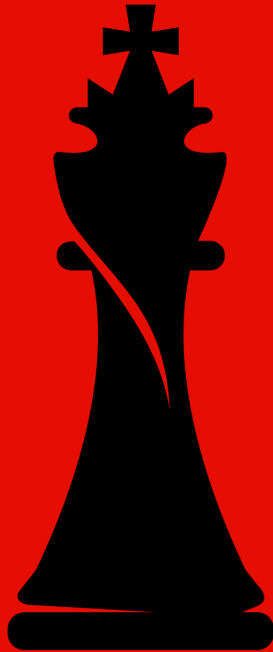
Source: FactSet, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. Data as of July 28, 2023. Calculation of market capitalization ranges are based on deciles. Market capitalizations are represented millions of USD.

## Equity Sector Breakdown

Sector	Weight
Information Technology	28%
Health Care	13%
Financials	12%
Consumer Discretionary	11%
Industrials	9%
Communication Services	8%
Consumer Staples	7%
Energy	4%
Real Estate	3%
Utilities	3%
Materials	2%

Source: FactSet, Astoria Portfolio Advisors. Data as of July 28, 2023.

# WHY INVEST IN ROE?



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- The Astoria US Quality Kings ETF invests in up to 100 of the highest quality US large- and mid-cap stocks.
  - ROE's investment process narrows down the universe of US stocks using minimum percentage of free float shares, market capitalization, and average trading volume constraints.
  - ROE uses quantitative screens to rank such stocks according to their quality, valuation, dividend potential, and growth metrics relative to the median of their sector to provide a single security focused exclusively on 100 companies.
  - ROE aims to diversify risk by equally weighting its constituents, avoiding the concentration risk associated with market-cap weighting.
  - This ETF can be used as a complement to many portfolio strategies, including US large-cap and mid-cap equity exposure and growth-oriented allocations.

# DEFINITION OF TERMS

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**Operating Profitability:** Operating profitability according to Fama and French (2015) is calculated using all accounting numbers from the end of the previous fiscal year. It is defined by the annual revenues minus the cost of goods sold, interest expenses, selling, general, and administrative expenses divided by the book equity.

**Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR):** Compound annual growth rate is the mean annual growth rate of an investment over a specified period of time longer than one year. It is the rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each period of the investment's life span.

**Standard Deviation (St. Dev):** The standard deviation of a portfolio measures how much the investment returns deviate from the mean of the probability distribution of investments. Put simply, it tells investors how much the investment will deviate from its expected return. As such, investors can use this metric to help determine an investment or portfolio's annual return by considering its historical volatility.

**Sharpe Ratio:** The Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure calculated using annualized standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the historical risk-adjusted performance.

**Price to Earnings (P/E) Ratio:** The Price to Earnings ratio is the ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its earnings per share. Price to Earnings ratios can be used by investors and analysts to determine the relative value of a company's shares to other companies. They can also be used to compare a company against its own historical record or to compare aggregate markets against one another or over time.



# DEFINITION OF INDICES

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**MSCI USA Growth Index:** The MSCI USA Growth Index captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics in the US. The growth investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using five variables: long-term forward EPS growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate and long-term historical EPS growth trend and long-term historical sales per share growth trend.

**MSCI USA Quality Index:** The MSCI USA Quality Index is based on the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid cap stocks in the US equity market. The index aims to capture the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high return on equity (ROE), stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage. The MSCI Quality Indexes complement existing MSCI Factor Indexes and can provide an effective diversification role in a portfolio of factor strategies.

**MSCI USA Value Index:** The MSCI USA Value Index captures large and mid cap US securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.

**MSCI USA Momentum Index:** The MSCI USA Momentum Index is based on MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which captures large and mid cap stocks of the US market. It is designed to reflect the performance of an equity momentum strategy by emphasizing stocks with high price momentum, while maintaining reasonably high trading liquidity, investment capacity and moderate index turnover.

**MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index:** The MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index is based on the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid cap stocks. The index is designed to reflect the performance of equities in the parent index (excluding REITs) with higher dividend C6income and quality characteristics than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent. The index also applies quality screens and reviews 12-month past performance to omit stocks with potentially deteriorating fundamentals that could force them to cut or reduce dividends.

**MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index:** The MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD) Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the large and mid cap USA equity universe. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, in USD for the lowest absolute risk (within a given set of constraints). Historically, the index has shown lower beta and volatility+C7:C39 characteristics relative to the MSCI USA Index.

**MSCI USA Size Tilt Index:** The MSCI World Size Tilt Index is based on MSCI World, its parent index, which includes large and mid-cap stocks across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries\*. It aims to reflect the performance of a low size strategy with relatively high investment capacity. The indexes are created by including all the constituents in the parent index and weighting the constituents using the square root of their market capitalization weight.

**MSCI USA Index:** The MSCI USA Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 627 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

# DEFINITION OF INDICES (CONTINUED)

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**S&P 500 Index:** The S&P 500® is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap US equities. According to our Annual Survey of Assets, an estimated USD 15.6 trillion is indexed or benchmarked to the index, with indexed assets comprising approximately USD 7.1 trillion of this total (as of Dec. 31, 2021). The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.

**S&P 500 Equal Weight Index:** The S&P 500® Equal Weight Index (EWI) is the equal-weight version of the widely-used S&P 500. The index includes the same constituents as the capitalization weighted S&P 500, but each company in the S&P 500 EWI is allocated a fixed weight - or 0.2% of the index total at each quarterly rebalance.

**Russell 1000 Index:** The Russell 1000® Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the US equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index and includes approximately 1,000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 1000 represents approximately 93% of the US market. The Russell 1000® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included.

**Russell Midcap Index:** The Russell Midcap® Index measures the performance of the mid-cap segment of the US equity universe. The Russell Midcap Index is a subset of the Russell 1000® Index. It includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell Midcap® Index represents approximately 27% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000® companies, as of the most recent reconstitution. The Russell Midcap Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the mid-cap segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true midcap opportunity set.

**Russell 2000 Index:** The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the US equity universe. The Russell 2000 Index is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index representing approximately 7% of the total market capitalization of that index, as of the most recent reconstitution. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2000 is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased small-cap barometer and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set.

**MSCI US Large Cap 300 Index:** The MSCI US Large Cap 300 Index is designed to measure the performance of the large cap segment of the US equity market. The index represents approximately 71% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US equity market

**MSCI US Mid Cap 450 Index:** The MSCI US Mid Cap 450 Index is comprised of the next largest 450 companies in terms of market capitalization of the US equity market and designed to measure the performance of the mid cap segment. The index represents approximately 16% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the US equity market.

**MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index:** The MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index is comprised of the remaining smallest 1,750 companies in the US Investable Market 2500 Index of the US equity market and designed to measure the performance of the small cap segment. The index represents approximately 11.5% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the US equity market.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## Principal Risks

An investment in the Fund involves risk, including those described below. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investor may lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any government agency.

**Quality Stocks Risk.** Stocks included in the Fund are deemed by the Sub-Adviser to be quality stocks, but there is no guarantee that the past performance of these stocks will continue. Companies that issue these stocks may experience lower than expected returns or may experience negative growth, as well as increased leverage, resulting in lower than expected or negative returns to Fund shareholders. Many factors can affect a stock's quality and performance, and the impact of these factors on a stock or its price can be difficult to predict.

**Management Risk.** The Fund is actively-managed and may not meet its investment objective based on the Adviser's or Sub-Adviser's success or failure to implement investment strategies for the Fund. The success of the Fund's investment program depends largely on the investment techniques and risk analyses applied by the Sub-Adviser, including the use of quantitative models or methods. It is possible the investment techniques and risk analyses employed on behalf of the Fund will not produce the desired results.

**Value-Style Investing Risk.** The Sub-Adviser may be wrong in its assessment of a company's value, and the stocks the Fund owns may not reach what the Sub-Adviser believes are their true values. The market may not favor value-oriented stocks and may not favor equities at all, which may cause the Fund's relative performance to suffer. Value stocks can perform differently from the market as a whole and from other types of stocks. While certain value stocks may increase in value more quickly during periods of anticipated economic upturn, they may also lose value more quickly in periods of anticipated economic downturn. Furthermore, there is the risk that the factors which caused the depressed valuations are longer term or even permanent in nature, and that their valuations may fall or never rise.

**Dividend-Paying Common Stock Risk.** The Fund will normally receive income from dividends that are paid by issuers of the Fund's investments. The amount of the dividend payments may vary and depends on performance and decisions of the issuer. Poor performance by the issuer or other factors may cause the issuer to lower or eliminate dividend payments to investors, including the Fund. Additionally, these types of securities may fall out of favor with investors and underperform the broader market.

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**Quantitative Security Selection Risk.** Data for some companies may be less available and/or less current than data for companies in other markets. The Sub-Adviser uses quantitative analysis, and its processes could be adversely affected if erroneous or outdated data is utilized. The securities selected using quantitative analysis could perform differently from the financial markets as a whole as a result of the characteristics used in the analysis, the weight placed on each characteristic and changes in the characteristic's historical trends. In addition, the investment analysis used in making investment decisions may not adequately consider certain factors, or may contain design flaws or faulty assumptions, any of which may result in a decline in the value of an investment in the Fund.

**New Fund Risk.** The Fund is new with no operating history as of the date of this Prospectus. 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.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents Risk.** Holding cash or cash equivalents rather than securities or other instruments in which the Fund primarily invests, even strategically, may cause the Fund to risk losing opportunities to participate in market appreciation, and may cause the Fund to experience potentially lower returns than the Fund's benchmark or other funds that remain fully invested. In rising markets, holding cash or cash equivalents will negatively affect the Fund's performance relative to its benchmark.

**Premium-Discount Risk.** The Shares may trade above or below their NAV. The NAV of the Fund will generally fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's holdings. The market prices of Shares, however, will generally fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the relative supply of, and demand for, Shares on the Exchange and other securities exchanges. The existence of significant market volatility, disruptions to creations and redemptions, or potential lack of an active trading market for Fund Shares (including through a trading halt), among other factors, may result in the Shares trading significantly above (at a premium) or below (at a discount) to NAV. If you buy Fund Shares when their market price is at a premium or sell the Fund Shares when their market price is at a discount, you may pay more than, or receive less than, NAV, respectively. The Adviser cannot predict whether Shares will trade below, at or above their NAV. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces at work in the secondary trading market for Shares will be closely related to, but not identical to, the same forces influencing the prices of the securities held by the Fund. However, given that Shares can be purchased and redeemed in large blocks of Shares, called Creation Units (unlike shares of closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their NAV), and the Fund's portfolio holdings are fully disclosed on a daily basis, the Adviser believes that large discounts or premiums to the NAV of Shares should not be sustained, but that may not be the case.

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