Q3-2024 Sasco Smid-Cap Contrarian Value Equity

### Strategy Overview

- Contrarian, high active share, concentrated portfolios
- Research-driven focus on company transformations and restructurings
- Catalysts unlock unrecognized value
- Low portfolio turnover
- A private equity approach to public markets
- Complements passive, growth and other value strategies

## **Strategy Highlights**

Inception Date:	5/18/2006
Total AUM (\$M):	\$49
Equity Capitalization:	Small-Mid Cap
Style Emphasis:	Value
Investment Approach:	Fundamental

#### Firm Overview

Independent - 100% employee-owned. Every aspect of our business model reflects our commitment to three key drivers of success: Research, Relationships and Results.

# **Investment Team**

Portfolios managed on a team basis

BRUCE D. BOTTOMLEY, CFA Co-Founder | Managing Director | Portfolio Manager 52 years investment experience

JEFFREY L. SPEIGHT, JR. Portfolio Manager 27 years investment experience Joined Sasco 2006

ADAM W. SNYDER, CFA Portfolio Manager 25 years investment experience Joined Sasco 2013

ETHAN LIU Research Analyst 3 years investment experience Joined Sasco 2021

RYAN M. DARROHN Research Analyst 5 years investment experience Joined Sasco 2019 – '21; Rejoined 2023

# A Transformative Approach to Unlocking Value

#### Philosophy

We believe the best opportunities to add alpha are event-driven: restructurings and transformations. We search for out-of-favor companies with "hidden jewels" that are selling at large discounts to their future restructured earnings power. Our discipline leads us to research and value individual business segments with an opportunity for smart, motivated management teams to fix, restructure and grow the company to unleash higher earnings that ultimately lead to higher stock prices.

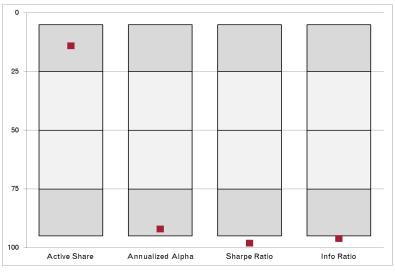
#### **Differentiated Approach**

Unlike many value managers, who generate investment ideas by screening traditional valuation metrics, we start by finding underperforming companies implementing strategic changes to unlock value and future growth potential. This differentiated discovery process has historically led to high active share for our strategy.

# Performance (Annualized)

MRQ	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	7 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	SI
10.38	15.46	3.85	8.23	6.61	6.73	8.56
10.26	14.93	3.38	7.72	6.10	6.19	8.02
9.63	26.59	6.06	9.99	7.85	8.47	7.53
	10.38 10.26	10.38 15.46   10.26 14.93	10.3815.463.8510.2614.933.38	10.3815.463.858.2310.2614.933.387.72	10.38 15.46 3.85 8.23 6.61   10.26 14.93 3.38 7.72 6.10	10.38 15.46 3.85 8.23 6.61 6.73   10.26 14.93 3.38 7.72 6.10 6.19

# Key Portfolio Metric & Percentile Rank (5 Yrs.)



\*Peer Rank Source; Nasdaq eVestment; rankings are based on the Nasdaq eVestment US Mid Cap Value Universe

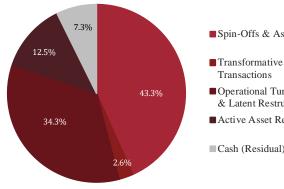
# Focus on Downside Protection (5 Yrs.)

	Downside Market Capture	Rk*	Upside Market Capture	Rk*
Sasco Smid-Cap Contrarian Value Equity - Gross	96.4	61	87.8	89
Russell 2500 Value	100		100	

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# Sasco Smid-Cap Contrarian Value Equity

# **Event Driven Portfolio**



Spin-Offs & Asset Sales

- Operational Turnarounds & Latent Restructurings
- Active Asset Reviews
- Cash (Residual)

# 5 Yr. Rolling Return Based Style Map



# **Portfolio Characteristics**

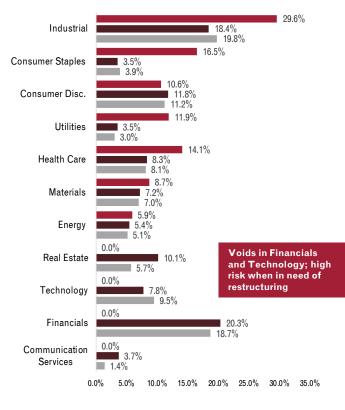
Annual Turnover (LTM)	28%
% Holdings In 10 Largest Stocks	34.9%
Current # of Holdings	34
Current Dividend Yield	2.2%
Wgtd. Avg. Mkt.	\$3,771
Median Mkt. Cap	\$3,387
Mkt Cap: % > 50 billion	0.0%
Mkt Cap: % 15-50 billion	2.2%
Mkt Cap: % 7.5-15 billion	13.2%
Mkt Cap: % 1.5-7.5 billion	62.1%
Mkt Cap: % 750-1.5 billion	17.2%

Source: Nasdaq eVestment

# **Top Security Holdings**

Name	Weight
MDU RESOURCES GROUP	4.45%
ARAMARK	3.98%
SOUTHWEST GAS HOLDINGS	3.78%
CLARIVATE PLC.	3.43%
PEDIATRIX MEDICAL GROUP INC	3.31%
BERRY GLOBAL GROUP	3.29%
INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY	3.29%
DENTSPLY SIRONA, INC.	3.16%
ENVIRI CORPORATION	3.13%
VITESSE ENERGY, INC.	3.08%

#### Sector Allocations (Vs. R2500V & Peer Group)



- Smid-Cap Contrarian Value Equity
- Russell 2500 Value
- Nasdag eVestment US Small-Mid Value Equity Universe - Median

Source: Nasdaq eVestment

## PERFORMANCE/GIPS DISCLOSURE - SMID CAP VALUE

Benchmark 3-Yr	Composite Gross 3-Yr	Composite	Composite Net	Composite Gross	Benchmark Return	Total # of	Composite Assets	Firm Assets	
Ex-PostSt Dev (%)	Ex-Post St Dev (%)	Dispersion (%)	Fee Return (%)	Fee Return (%)	Russell 2500 Value (%)	Accounts	(USD millions)	(USD millions)	
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11.25	11.56	N/A	6.58	7.18	7.11	1	25.7	6,212	2014
12.02	13.84	N/A	-14.50	-13.98	-5.49	1	27.3	4,203	2015
13.17	15.00	N/A	27.37	28.04	25.20	1	24.7	4,238	2016
11.81	13.51	N/A	13.89	14.49	10.36	1	21.4	2,888	2017
13.58	14.69	N/A	-15.43	-15.00	-12.36	1	17.7	1,317	2018
14.23	16.37	N/A	28.93	29.64	23.56	1	25.2	797	2019
25.05	28.34	N/A	1.97	2.48	4.88	1	35.1	764	2020
24.15	27.19	N/A	23.81	24.39	27.78	2	46.9	929	2021
26.46	28.09	N/A	-6.67	-6.30	-13.08	2	39.0	866	2022
20.70	19.61	N/A	6.84	6.96	13.76	2	41.5	911	2023

#### Inception of composite 5/17/2006. Creation of composite 5/17/2006.

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- 12. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request.

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