

## PERFORMANCE

### Lead Portfolio Manager:

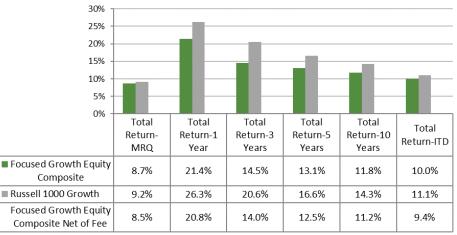
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Note: Returns for periods of one year or longer are annualized.



# **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

Our investment philosophy focuses on extracting value from enduring inefficiencies caused by investor behavior that creates opportunity for an approach that focuses on attractive valuation, low price volatility, consistent/stable growth, and the long-term compounding advantages provided by downside protection. Our quantitative and fundamental blended investment process helps us to identify these types of companies and build portfolios that exhibit these characteristics in our attempt to provide our clients longer-term outperformance with less risk.

Focused Growth portfolios are constructed by selecting 15-20 stocks from our Diversified Large Growth product with higher active weights relative to the Russell 1000 Growth. These stocks are then held in higher weights (up to 10 %) providing a more concentrated and stock specific approach to long term investing with a modest increase in risk. The goal of our investment process is to create portfolios with an attractive long term upside participation/downside protection balance.

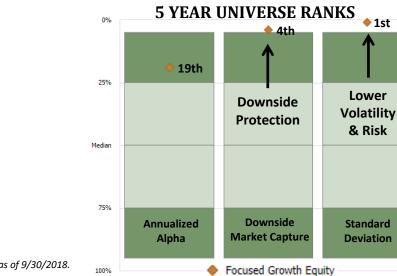
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The process begins with a sector specific quantitative scoring of a 900-1000 stock universe. Our proprietary modeling system evaluates twenty four factors contained in six groupings including business valuation, equity valuation, profitability, earnings quality, price volatility, and sales, earnings, and margin stability.

Our fundamental research process is then used to distinguish among the most intriguing candidates for portfolio inclusion based on a qualitative assessment of company specific attributes, growth prospects, and risk contribution. This process flows in five general steps and includes a detailed review of the quantitative scoring, financial statement analysis, evaluation of management growth presentation, review of analyst research and estimate revisions, and a risk/reward analysis.

This blended approach helps us stay focused and consistent in building the attractively valued, profitable, lower volatility growth portfolios that we believe provide the best foundation for longer term outperformance on both an absolute and risk adjusted basis.



TOP 10 STOCKS McCormick & Company Laboratory Corporation of America

Laboratory Corporation of America	9.0%
F5 Networks	8.9%
Expeditors	8.8%
Ecolab	8.7%
Nike	8.3%
Walt Disney	8.1%
Dunkin' Brands Group	7.4%
Paychex	7.4%
TJX Companies	6.2%

#### Supplemental information.

Universe Ranks Source: eVestment Alliance using monthly calculations as of 9/30/2018. Universe: eA US Large Cap Growth Equity

# ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC

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Earnings Growth:			Miscellaneous:		
EPS Growth - Forecast 1 Year (%) <i>Valuation:</i>	15.9	22.7	Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$B) Number of Stocks Held	58 14	320 542
Price/Earnings (Est) Price/Earnings (LTM)	20.6 22.8	21.3 31.0	Risk Measures:		
Profitability:			3 Year Standard Deviation (%)	7.8	10.2
ROE Last 12 Mos. (%)	28.0	24.7			

# **PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES**

Sawgrass Asset Management, LLC. (Sawgrass) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS<sup>®</sup>) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS<sup>®</sup> standards. Sawgrass has been independently verified for the periods 31 March 1998 through 31 December 2016. The verification report is available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS<sup>®</sup> standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS<sup>®</sup> standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation.

Sawgrass is a 100 percent employee-owned Registered Investment Advisor whose primary focus is to provide institutional investment management services.

Gross returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees but do include transaction fees. Gross and net returns include the reinvestment of all dividends and income. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing the actual management fee charged to clients, or if part of a balanced account by reducing the highest management fee charged, in accordance with the Focused Growth Equity strategy fee schedule. Prior to 12/31/2015, the highest management fee was utilized to calculate net-of-fee performance.

Performance is in U.S. dollars. Prior to 12/31/2010, accounts were removed from the composite for the month in which a significant flow exceeded 30% of account value. A comprehensive list and description of the firm's composites and additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investments are subject to risk and may lose value.

Information Specific to the Focused Growth Equity Product: As of 9/30/2018, this composite was comprised of 18 accounts valued at \$189 million. Assets in this product represent 5% of the firm's total assets under management. The three-year standard deviation for this product and its benchmark was 7.8% and 10.2%, respectively. This composite's creation date was 2/28/07, and the composite's minimum account size is currently \$500,000. Total product assets in the Focused Growth space equal \$191 million.

The investment management fee schedule is available in Form ADV 2 as follows: 0.70% on the first \$10 million, 0.60% on the next \$20 million and 0.50% on the balance. Prior to 31 December 2012, this portfolio was known as the Opportunistic Growth Best Ideas Portfolio.

Focused Growth Equity Composite	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Annual Total Return - Gross of Fees	-34.9%	23.8%	13.1%	8.8%	13.4%	36.8%	15.0%	-0.3%	5.0%	20.5%
Annual Total Return - Net of Fees	-35.3%	23.1%	12.5%	8.3%	12.8%	36.1%	14.4%	-0.8%	4.5%	19.9%
Russell 1000 Growth	-38.4%	37.2%	16.7%	2.6%	15.3%	33.5%	13.0%	5.7%	7.1%	30.2%
Total Product Assets - Year End (MM)	\$30.5	\$112.1	\$140.9	\$150.8	\$187.6	\$233.4	\$251.1	\$234.1	\$229.3	\$202.3
Product Composite Assets - Year End (MM)	\$30.5	\$112.1	\$140.9	\$150.8	\$187.6	\$233.4	\$250.0	\$232.4	\$227.2	\$200.6
Total Firm Assets - Year End (Bln)	\$1.79	\$2.68	\$2.82	\$2.79	\$2.80	\$3.29	\$3.80	\$3.75	\$3.80	\$3.85
Percent of Firm's Assets	1.7%	4.2%	5.0%	5.4%	6.7%	7.1%	6.6%	6.2%	6.0%	5.2%
Number of Accounts	8	17	16	17	19	21	24	24	25	21
Dispersion - Equal weighted Standard Deviation	0.54%	0.58%	0.29%	0.35%	0.25%	0.19%	0.42%	0.14%	0.09%	0.21%
Volatility - 3 Year Rolling Standard Deviation Sawgrass	n/a	n/a	18.13	13.43	12.24	10.93	9.11	10.28	9.54	8.98
Volatility - 3 Year Rolling Standard Deviation Index	n/a	n/a	22.42	18.01	15.88	12.35	9.73	10.85	11.31	10.69
Inception Date	2/28/2007									

Benchmark Index Definition: The Russell 1000 Growth index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe.