

SOMERSTON CORE EQUITY STRATEGY

MONTHLY FACT SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

Portfolio Objectives: To grow capital over the medium term by investing in a concentrated portfolio of high quality companies and to outperform global equities over the economic cycle.

Strategy: We use a fundamental bottom-up approach to identify attractive investment opportunities. We have a 5 year investment horizon. We focus our investments in 15 to 25 high quality companies. We invest in companies that demonstrate strong governance, high profitability, low capital intensity, strong economic moats and low business risk. We invest globally, without sector/geographic restrictions. We actively tilt our style and risk exposures to account for prevailing market conditions.

Performance: The Core Equity Strategy fell by -2.8% in the month and fell by -8.9% over the last three months. The reference index fell by -1.7% during the month and fell by -7.5% over the last three months.

Core Equity Strategy Performance (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2017				1.2	5.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	1.9	1.8	-1.8	2.1	10.9
2018	6.2	-4.6	-1.9	0.4	1.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	0.4	-8.5	2.7	-9.0	-7.2
2019	6.2	4.2	3.3	3.8	-4.0	5.7	0.6	0.8	-1.6	1.3	5.1	2.5	31.1
2020	0.9	-7.3	-14.3	12.5	5.8	2.6	4.4	5.5	-3.4	-3.8	9.7	2.9	13.0
2021	-0.6	1.7	3.3	5.0	0.2	3.4	3.1	2.2	-5.1	6.3	-1.6	2.9	22.2
2022	-8.3	-4.8	4.4	-9.4	-0.2	-8.8	10.4	-4.5	-8.6	6.6	4.7	-4.8	-23.1
2023	2.2	-3.8	5.3	1.8	-1.6	4.7	3.7	-1.1	-5.5	-2.8			0.4

Total return since 2017: 46.8%

Geographical Allocation				
Region	% Fund			
North America	67.8%			
Europe	32.2%			

Sector Allocation					
Sector	% Fund				
Information Technology	30.6%				
Health Care	24.9%				
Consumer Staples	14.7%				
Industrials	10.2%				
Communication Services	8.5%				
Consumer Discretionary	5.9%				
Financials	5.2%				

Top Ten Holdings				
Name	% Fund			
Microsoft Corp	8.3%			
Alphabet Inc	8.2%			
Adobe Inc	6.7%			
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	6.2%			
ASML Holding NV-NY Reg Shs	6.2%			
UnitedHealth Group Inc	5.9%			
LVMH	5.7%			
Assa Abloy AB-B	5.6%			
Diageo PLC	5.2%			
Mastercard Inc	5.0%			
Total for Top Ten	63.1%			



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