

# SOMERSTON CORE EQUITY FUND

MONTHLY FACT SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 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 Fund rose by +8.9% in the month and rose by +0.4% over the last three months. The reference index rose by +9.1% during the month and rose by 1.8% over the last three months.

## Performance (%)

|             | Jan  | Feb  | Mar   | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Year         |
|-------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| <b>2017</b> |      |      |       | 1.2  | 5.4  | -0.2 | 0.4  | -0.1 | 1.9  | 1.8  | -1.8 | 2.1  | <b>10.9</b>  |
| <b>2018</b> | 6.2  | -4.6 | -1.9  | 0.4  | 1.2  | 1.2  | 4.3  | 1.3  | 0.4  | -8.5 | 2.7  | -9.0 | <b>-7.2</b>  |
| <b>2019</b> | 6.2  | 4.2  | 3.3   | 3.8  | -4.0 | 5.7  | 0.6  | 0.8  | -1.6 | 1.3  | 5.1  | 2.5  | <b>31.1</b>  |
| <b>2020</b> | 0.9  | -7.3 | -14.3 | 12.5 | 5.8  | 2.6  | 4.4  | 5.5  | -3.4 | -3.8 | 9.7  | 2.9  | <b>13.0</b>  |
| <b>2021</b> | -0.6 | 1.7  | 3.3   | 5.0  | 0.2  | 3.4  | 3.1  | 2.2  | -5.1 | 6.3  | -1.6 | 2.9  | <b>22.2</b>  |
| <b>2022</b> | -8.3 | -4.8 | 4.4   | -9.4 | -0.2 | -8.8 | 10.4 | -4.5 | -8.6 | 6.6  | 4.7  | -4.8 | <b>-23.1</b> |
| <b>2023</b> | 2.2  | -3.8 | 5.3   | 1.8  | -1.6 | 4.7  | 3.7  | -1.1 | -5.5 | -2.8 | 8.9  |      | <b>11.8</b>  |

Total return since 2017: 60.0%

## Geographical Allocation

| Region        | % Fund |
|---------------|--------|
| North America | 66.8%  |
| Europe        | 33.2%  |

## Sector Allocation

| Sector                 | % Fund |
|------------------------|--------|
| Information Technology | 30.1%  |
| Health Care            | 25.3%  |
| Consumer Staples       | 14.4%  |
| Industrials            | 10.7%  |
| Communication Services | 8.4%   |
| Consumer Discretionary | 5.8%   |
| Financials             | 5.3%   |

## Top Ten Holdings

| Name                         | % Fund       |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Microsoft Corp               | 8.6%         |
| Alphabet Inc                 | 8.1%         |
| Adobe Inc                    | 7.0%         |
| ASML Holding NV-NY Reg Shs   | 6.5%         |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc | 6.3%         |
| Assa Abloy AB-B              | 6.2%         |
| LVMH                         | 5.6%         |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc       | 5.6%         |
| Diageo PLC                   | 5.4%         |
| Mastercard Inc               | 5.1%         |
| <b>Total for Top Ten</b>     | <b>64.4%</b> |

This factsheet shows the performance of Somerson's "Core Equity Strategy" from 31 March 2017 to 30 September 2023 then the Somerston Core Equity Fund from its launch on 02 October 2023.

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