

PROFILE | SECOND QUARTER 2021 DIVERSIFIED EQUITY STRATEGY

DIVERSIFIED EQUITY

Style: All Cap Core

Approach: Active: Bottom-Up

Benchmark: S&P 500 Index

Inception: 1/1/1989

Strategy Assets: \$596 MM

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We believe earnings growth, combined with high returns on capital, drive stock prices over the long term. We also believe that investing in a focused portfolio of quality companies from across the market cap spectrum, while combining growth and value disciplines, broadens the opportunity set and adds diversification.

ABOUT OUR FIRM

GW&K is a dynamic investment management firm that offers active equity and fixed income investment solutions to meet the needs of a diverse client base. At our core is an entrepreneurial spirit of innovation, a desire to help educate our clients and a level of service that is hard to come by. Our founding principles of applying rigorous fundamental research, focusing on quality and maintaining a long-term view still guide our investment process today.

- Founded in 1974
- ■\$56 Billion Under Management
- Individually Managed Accounts
- Serving Individuals and Institutions

All data as of June 30, 2021

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

RESEARCH INTENSIVE

Stock selection emphasizes well managed companies with sustainable earnings growth

FOCUS ON QUALITY

Aim to hold stocks for long term and protect returns when markets decline

UNRESTRICTED **OPPORTUNITY SET**

Core approach allows us to pursue quality companies with either growth or value oriented characteristics

INVESTMENT PROCESS

Investment Universe

S&P 500 Index

Focused Research Approach

100 - 150 Stocks

Fundamental Research



Portfolio Construction

Stock **Interest List**

Risk Management **Parameters**

25 Stocks

DIVERSIFIED EQUITY PORTFOLIO

20 - 35 Holdings

MARKET POSITIONING

 Leading companies in attractive and defensible niche markets

GROWTH PROFILE

- Business models that deliver consistent long-term growth
- Resilient through economic cycles

FINANCIAL STRENGTH

- Strong financial characteristics
- Strong cash flow
- Prudent use of debt

COMPANY MANAGEMENT

- Visionary leadership, high-quality management
- Committed to long-term enhancement of shareholder value

VALUATION

 Attractive valuation metrics in relation to industry peers and own company history

A FOCUS ON QUALITY

- Low turnover strategy allows us to focus on the quality of our research rather than quantity
- Assessing the quality of the management team is a key component of our research process
- Conversations with management, suppliers, and customers help to determine the quality of the business



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INVESTMENT TEAM

AARON C. CLARK, CFA

Principal Equity Portfolio Manager Investment Professional Since 1992 Joined GW&K 2015 BA, Trinity College

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12 Domestic Equity Investment Professionals Averaging 22 Years Experience

A DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

DIVERSIFICATIONBy style - growth and value stocks

By sector

By market capitalization - large, mid, and small cap stocks

MARKET CAP Minimum: Typically \$1 Billion

POSITION SIZE Target: 2.5% - 5.0%

Maximum: 400 basis points over benchmark or 8% of the portfolio, whichever is greater

SECTOR WEIGHTINGS No more than 2x benchmark or 30%, whichever is greater

CASH POSITION Portfolios are fully invested

0% - 5% average cash position

QUANTITATIVE RISK ANALYSIS Portfol

Portfolio Risk Characteristics - beta, absolute risk, tracking error

Fundamental Factor Exposure - over a dozen common factors evaluated

Sector and Industry Exposure

Stock Specific Risk

FOCUSED RESEARCH

Bottom-up fundamental research is the key driver of our equity investment process and is the prime determinant of our success. Each of our equity analysts has a strong belief in our investment philosophy and they devote an extraordinary amount of time to developing original investment ideas and to gaining a deep understanding of each company's business.

Fundamental analysis conducted by our research analysts includes: meetings/conversations with management; analyzing industries; researching a company's earnings and balance sheet trends; reviewing sell-side research; and projecting future earnings and dividend growth.

High quality management is one of the most important attributes we seek for the companies in which we invest. Proven experience, leadership talent, high integrity and possessing a strategic vision are some of the qualities we scrutinize. Especially among smaller companies, we find that appropriate leadership from the top has a greater direct impact on all aspects of a business: its growth profile, valuation, market positioning and financial strength. When it comes to assessing the quality of management teams, we believe we set the bar higher than other managers.