

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

# **Science and Technology Equity Strategy**

**Total Strategy Assets:**<sup>1</sup> \$10.5 billion Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in companies expected to benefit from the development and use of science or technology, focusing on high-quality business models that have the potential to sustain above-average earnings growth
- Invests behind key investment themes such as Internet commerce, Internet advertising, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence
- Bottom-up stock selection is based on rigorous analysis of individual companies, sectors, and industry trends
- Supported by deep and dedicated analytical resources that span technology, consumer discretionary, communication services, industrials, and healthcare sectors, as well as geographies

### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Typically 40-70 stock portfolio
- Position size varies based on conviction in the stock, with the top ten holdings generally comprising 40-60% of the portfolio
- Diversified across sectors that are affected by science and technology, including stocks classified in the technology, consumer discretionary, communication services, industrials, and healthcare sectors
- Industry allocations are a by-product of our bottom-up stock selection process

#### BENCHMARK

- Lipper Science & Technology Funds Index
- MSCI All Country World Index Information Technology Net

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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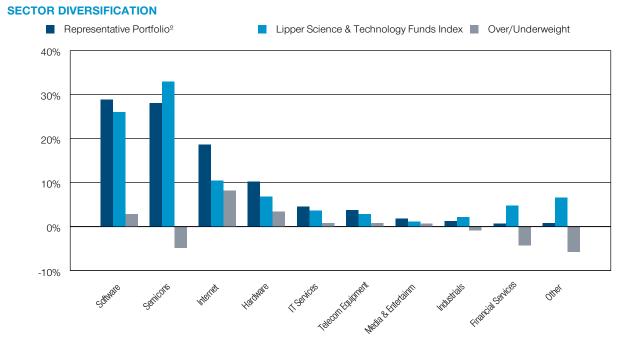
<sup>1</sup> Includes a U.S.-registered mutual fund and subadvised portfolios.

As of 31 March 2024

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

# **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>e</sup>				
Microsoft	10.7%				
NVIDIA	10.6				
Meta Platforms	9.9				
Apple	7.3				
Alphabet	5.2				
Broadcom	4.8				
Lam Research	3.4				
Salesforce	3.2				
Synopsys	2.6				
IBM	2.3				
Total	60.0%				



# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Lipper Science & Technology Funds Index		
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° <sup>†</sup>	16.3%	16.3%		
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)*° <sup>†</sup>	31.2X	34.5X		
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)°	36.7%	28.4%		
Price to Book (trailing)°	13.1X	11.7X		
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$345,241	\$127,376		
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$1,096,374	\$698,222		
Number of Issuers	102	550		
Top 20 Issuers as % of Total	73.9%	46.1%		
Portfolio Turnover <sup>††</sup>	186.3%	-		

°Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.  $^*$  I/B/E/S  $\mbox{\sc o}$  2024 Refinitiv. All rights reserved.

<sup>1</sup>These statistics are based on the Composite's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary. <sup>2</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

<sup>††</sup>Portfolio Turnover represents 1 year period ending 12/31/2023.

## Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

#### PERFORMANCE

			Annualized					
	Three Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years		
Science and Technology Equity Composite (Gross)	17.05%	42.86%	5.39%	17.23%	17.24%	19.44%		
Science and Technology Equity Composite (Net)	16.88	42.02	4.76	16.54	16.54	18.74		
Lipper Science & Technology Funds Index	12.19	38.74	5.38	16.63	15.86	17.85		
Value Added (Gross)	4.86	4.12	0.01	0.60	1.38	1.59		
Value Added (Net)	4.69	3.28	-0.62	-0.09	0.68	0.89		
MSCI All Country World Index Information Technology Net	12.05	40.52	13.43	21.75	18.68	18.99		
Value Added (Gross)	5.00	2.34	-8.04	-4.52	-1.44	0.45		
Value Added (Net)	4.83	1.50	-8.67	-5.21	-2.14	-0.25		

#### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Gross performance returns are presented before management and all other fees, where applicable, but after trading expenses. Net of fees performance reflects the deduction of the highest applicable management fee that would be charged based on the fee schedule contained within this material, without the benefit of breakpoints. Gross and net performance returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and are net of all non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains.

Effective 1 October 2023, the benchmark for the composite changed to the S&P North American Technology Sector Index. Prior to this change, the primary benchmark for the composite was the Lipper Science & Technology Funds Index. Historical benchmark representations have not been restated.

See GIPS® Composite Report located in this material for additional information.

## FEE SCHEDULE

# Science & Technology Equity Composite

The Science and Technology Equity Composite seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in companies expected to benefit from the development, advancement, and use of science and/or technology. (Created June 2006, incepted December 31, 1995.)

Flat fee	60 basis points
Minimum separate account size	\$50 million

### **GIPS**<sup>®</sup> Composite Report

#### Science and Technology Equity Composite

Period Ended December 31, 2023 Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gross Annual Returns (%)	13.82	9.69	12.56	40.30	-6.28	46.96	46.99	6.13	-34.55	55.16
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	11.68	7.62	10.44	37.71	-8.08	44.24	44.28	4.11	-35.85	52.31
Benchmark (%) <sup>2</sup>	12.26	4.78	9.79	37.99	-3.43	39.75	50.55	18.51	-36.34	47.02
S&P North American Technology Sector Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	15.28	9.91	13.56	37.78	2.88	42.68	45.15	26.40	-35.36	61.13
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	15.11	13.41	14.80	14.29	14.10	16.78	22.06	20.81	23.75	23.35
Benchmark 3-Yr St. Dev.	12.79	12.27	13.76	13.41	14.62	15.48	21.67	19.63	24.87	22.77
S&P North American Technology Sector Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	11.63	12.16	13.81	14.04	15.21	15.86	21.61	19.38	25.14	23.66
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Comp. Assets (Millions)	4,804.2	4,627.6	4,814.7	6,318.9	5,678.0	7,915.0	10,627.6	10,343.5	6,400.1	8,958.3
# of Accts. in Comp.	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	4
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	749.6	772.4	817.2	1,000.2	972.7	1,218.2	1,482.5	1,653.6	1,237.4	1,403.8 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.92%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance**. <sup>2</sup>Primary benchmark is the S&P North American Technology Sector Index. Prior to October 1, 2023, the primary benchmark was Lipper Science and Technology Funds Index. The secondary benchmark MSCI ACWI Information Tech Index Net was removed effective October 1, 2023. The changes were made because the index is a more suitable comparison than what was previously available. <sup>3</sup>Preliminary - subject to adjustment.

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