# STRATEGY PROFILE



# **US All Cap Growth**

#### Overview

Investment Objective	The strategy's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation
Geographic Area	US
Benchmark	Russell 3000® Growth Index
Number of Holdings	30-50*
Asset Allocation	US Equities

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to change

## Investment Philosophy

The Geneva team engages in bottom-up, fundamental analysis to identify high quality growth companies. The Investment Team (the Team) believes investing in proven, high quality companies leads to competitive returns with below average risk over the market cycle. The Team strives to identify companies with the following characteristics:

- Impressive management teams seeking to identify management with a long-term focus on growth, strong track record and ability to execute
- Consistent, sustainable record of growth screening for companies with high growth rates and consistency of growth
- Low leverage and conservative balance sheets

   screening for companies with a debt-to-cap of less than 50%

## Geneva Capabilities

- Established, experienced team; average of 18 years industry experience
- 12 investment professionals, managing approximately \$5.3 bn¹
- · Focus on high quality US growth equities
- · Team based approach

<sup>1</sup>As of 3/31/18

### Investment Management

Geneva's Investment Team is made up of 12 investment professionals with various levels of experience and contrasting backgrounds. Rather than operating as a star system in which one portfolio manager has final say, the Team operates by consensus with all investment decisions being discussed as a team, although final decision responsibilities lie with the portfolio managers. The strategy is managed by three experienced portfolio managers leveraging a time-tested investment philosophy.



W. Scott Priebe Portfolio Manager

W. Scott Priebe joined the Firm in 2004. He has 14 years of investment management experience.



Derek Pawlak Portfolio Manager

Derek Pawlak joined the Firm in 2007. He has 30 years of investment management experience.



Kristi Guay, CFA Portfolio Manager

Kristi Guay, CFA, joined the Firm in 2016. She has 21 years of investment management experience.

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#### Investment Process

The Team utilizes a multifaceted approach when identifying companies for investment. This includes a bottom-up qualitative and quantitative assessment, complemented by our top-down Economic & Investment Outlook (EIO). Research responsibilities are shared by the portfolio managers and analysts and all members of the Team are generalists.

#### Qualitative Assessment

The qualitative assessment is an important part of the investment process and a differentiator for the strategy. The Team seeks to identify companies that have:

- Leadership position in an industry or niche market
- · Sustainable competitive advantage
- · Experienced management
- · Successful record of growth
- · Long-term focus

#### Quantitative Assessment

The quantitative analysis allows the Team to screen the investment universe for new ideas which meet the strict high quality criteria. These screens seek to identify companies with:

- · High historical and projected revenue and earnings growth
- · Strong financials and low leverage
- · High ROE/ROA
- · High margins and/or margin expansion

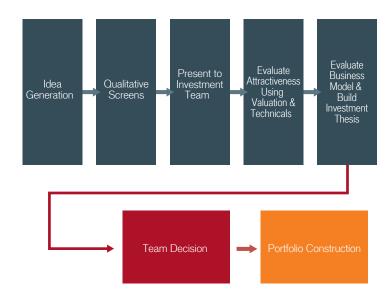
#### Economic & Investment Outlook

The Economic & Investment Outlook is a quarterly publication that supports the bottom-up investment process as it serves as a "macro lens" with which the portfolio is viewed. The EIO consists of two sections, each of which begins with written commentary supported by data in the form of charts and graphs.

Investment Characteristics	
Investment style	High quality, growth
Process	Bottom-up, fundamental
Benchmark	Russell 3000® Growth Index
Number of holdings	30-50*
Cash allocation	0 - 5%
Typical position size	2% - 8% maximum

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to change

#### Portfolio Construction



#### **Idea Generation**

New ideas for the Strategy are sourced primarily through management contact and quantitative screens. There are no market capitalization restrictions for this strategy, therefore a new stock can be considered for investment in any market cap range.

#### **Qualitative Screens**

A screen is then applied to eliminate:

- Recent IPOs
- · Foreign companies
- Highly leveraged companies
- · Concept stocks or turnaround story stocks

#### Present to Investment Team

Once an idea has been identified and passed through the initial screens it is then presented to the Team for discussion. This part of the process involves the analyst creating a short two page summary of the company which includes: company description, growth drivers, competitive advantages, market share position, management summary as well quantitative and valuation metrics. At this point the idea is discussed as a team and the decision to move forward into the more formal research process is determined.

#### Evaluate Business Model & Build Investment Thesis

This stage of the process involves conducting research to build a mosaic which will serve as the investment thesis for the company. This includes evaluating the publicly available information, meeting with management, evaluating industry trends and meeting with industry analysts. This in depth evaluation process is paramount in the research process and forms the foundation of the investment thesis.

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#### Valuation & Technical Analysis

New ideas are evaluated using a proprietary valuation model which helps evaluate the attractiveness of a potential investment. Valuation does not drive security selection, rather it serves as a complementary input. Companies are also reviewed on a technical basis in order to help evaluate the attractiveness of a potential investment.

#### **Team Decision**

After ideas have been thoroughly researched and evaluated they are then brought to the Team for formal consideration. At this point in the process each of the Team members are well versed in the company and have had access to all formal research put together by the analyst. Decisions are made as a team and it's the responsibility of each team member to challenge and question the investment thesis proposed. We believe this better utilizes the collective experience of the Team. After the Team becomes comfortable with the investment thesis the portfolio managers will recommend action.

#### Portfolio Construction

Typically, positions enter the portfolio at a 2% position size. The number of holdings in the strategy typically ranges between 30-50 stocks. This range allows the strategy to seek to maximize returns while providing industry diversification to minimize risk.

#### Sell Discipline

A position will typically be trimmed for the following reasons:

- Valuation
- Technical extension
- Position size
- · Industry or sector weighting

A position can be sold for the following reasons:

- · Change in underlying fundamentals
- · Long-term change in industry
- Buyout if the stock is acquired

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The US All Cap Growth composite contains fully discretionary equity accounts invested in approximately 30-50 small to large capitalization growth securities whose market capitalization generally fall within market capitalization range represented in the Russell 3000® Growth Index at the time of purchase. Securities are selected using a "bottom-up" fundamental analysis of the company and supplemented by "top-down" considerations of economic conditions. Prior to September 30, 2015, the composite was named Geneva Allcap Composite. There is no minimum account size for this composite.

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Russell 3000® Growth Index reflects the performance of U.S. equities with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

#### Risk

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