# **Scharf Quality Value Strategy**

Executive Summary | As of March 31, 2024



Highlights <sub>3</sub>		
Year Founded	1983	
Location	Los Gatos, CA	
Firm Assets	\$4.65 billion	
Investment Style	Value Oriented	
Annual Turnover	35-45%	
Average Holdings	25-35	

### Growth of a \$1,000,000 Investment Since Composite Inception<sup>1</sup>

December 31, 1990 - March 31, 2024



1991 1993 1995 1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 Sources: eVestment and Scharf Investments.

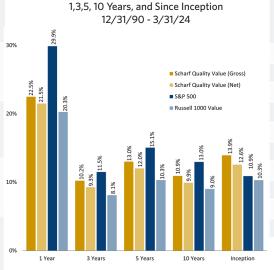
#### Top Equity Holdings, (%) **MCKESSON** 6.8 **BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY** 5.9 **COMCAST** 5.5 **FISERV** 5.5 MICROSOFT 5.2 **BROOKFIELD** 4.9 MARKEL 4.5 CENTENE 4.3 **ORACLE** 4.3 **CVS HEALTH** 4.1

### **Investment Philosophy and Process**

The Scharf Quality Value Strategy invests in high quality, enduring franchises priced at substantial discounts to fair value. The team seeks to identify companies with low valuations combined with consistent and sustainable earnings, cash flow and/or book value. The goal is to provide capital appreciation over the course of an entire market cycle while losing notably less than relevant benchmarks in falling markets.

#### **Return Profile**

- Low Valuation: Bottom-up, valuationoriented investment strategy.
- Margin of Safety: Focus on "Favorability Ratio", or upside potential versus downside risk to historical trading ranges.
- Investment Flexibility: Opportunistic to investments in companies large and small, foreign and domestic.
- Concentration: Portfolios are constructed with the best 25-35 ideas at the time of purchase.
- Long-Term Perspective: Patience to wait for convergence between a stock's price and the company's underlying value.



Rate of Return Gross and Net of Fees

eVestment Rankings Since GIPS Verified 12/31/96 - 3/31/24	Scharf Quality Value (Gross)	Scharf Quality Value (Net)
Annual Return*	12.28	11.03
Percentile Rank	4	8
Alpha	5.42	4.24
Percentile Rank	1	4
Volatility (S.D.)**	14.15	14.12
Percentile Rank	7	6
Downside Capture	60.10	63.31
Percentile Rank	2	4
Upside Capture	94.33	89.34
Percentile Rank	71	85

\*S&F 500 Annual Return: 9.45%; Russell 1000 Value Annual Return: 8.59% \*\*S&F 500 Volatility (S.D.): 17.11%; Russell 1000 Value Volatility (S.D.): 16.91% Source: eVestment US Large Cap Value Equity Universe for the period 12/1996-3/2024. Sample size is 190 for Scharf Quality Value (Gross and Net) rankings.

1 Scharf Quality Value gross and net of fee returns are included in the above charts. The benchmarks shown are the Russell 1000 Value Index and the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. The Russell 1000 Value Index represents a composite of large and mid-cap companies located in the United States that also exhibit a value probability. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index contains 500 industrial, transportation, utility, and financial companies regarded as generally representative of the large-capitalization LVs. stock market. Past performance is not indicative of further results. The performance includes all fee-paying, fully discretionary equity accounts from their first full quarter under management. Performance for all years reflects the reinvestment of dividends and other eracinitys, along with the deduction of trading commissions and other costs including management fees. No guarantee can be made that the composite performance is the statistically accurate presentation representing performance of any specific account, as specific account, performance depends on investment timing, account-specific guidelines, and other factors that vary from account to account. Results were generated using an investment philosophy and methodology similar to that described herein and that Scharf Investments, LLC expects to continue to use, but future investments will be made under different economic conditions and in different securities. It should not be assumed that investors will experience returns, if any, comparable to those shown above.

2 Top holdings are supplemental to fully compliant performance presentation found on the back. The securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities jurchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable. For a list of all securities recommended for purchase or sale during the time period discussed, please contact Scharf Investments directly. Performance results after March 31, 2024 are preliminary and may be subject to change as a result of one-propriet or program or program

as a result of ongoing verification.

3 Firm assets are as of 3/31/2024 and includes assets under advisement.

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#### Scharf Investments Quality Value Composite Performance 1991-2023 Composite Russell 1000 Composite Composite Composite Total Russell Standard & Number of **Total Firm** Composite 3 Year Value Poor's 500 Year **Total Return Total Return Return Net** 1000 Value Poor's 500 Composite Assets (\$) Assets (\$) St Dev (Gross 3 Year 3 Year of All Wrap Gross of Fees Net of Fees Return Return **Portfolios** of Fees) St Dev St Dev 42.2% 40.3% 19.5% 1991 39.2% 30.5% 19 3.192.775 10.200.000 N/A N/A N/A 35 1992 8.1% 6.5% 5.1% 9.4% 7.6% 5,623,314 18,500,000 N/A N/A N/A 59 28,000,000 1993 6.1% 14.4% 10.1% 11.106.371 N/A N/A N/A 1994 6.9% 5.3% 3.9% -5.5% 1.3% 86 12,901,152 40,000,000 N/A N/A N/A 1995 36.8% 34.9% 33.8% 38.0% 37.6% 135 30.179.155 68.000.000 N/A N/A N/A 1996 32.0% 30.2% 29.0% 21.6% 23.0% 188 57,835,869 98,500,000 N/A N/A N/A 1997 28.4% 27.1% 35.2% 212 30.1% 33.4% 84,808,260 131,797,905 N/A N/A N/A 1998 27.6% 25.9% 24.6% 15.6% 28.6% 278 118,412,989 166,018,376 N/A N/A N/A 1999 19.2% 7.4% 307 147,198,870 210,491,180 16.9% 16.0% 16.5% 22.2% 20.7% 21.0% 12.5% 17.3% 2000 9.5% 7.4% -9.1% 348 18.2% 17.4% 11.1% 164,086,403 218.975.246 2001 19.2% 17.7% 16.2% -5.6% -11.9% 385 204,188,689 275,016,481 15.1% 14.7% 16.7% 2002 -11.1% -12.2% -14.1% -15.5% -22.1% 202,541,718 273,841,310 16.7% 17.0% 18.5% 2003 28.5% 26.9% 25.5% 30.0% 28.7% 557 295,200,382 387,100,039 16.0% 18.1% 14.6% 2004 11.9% 14.9% 13.3% 10.3% 16.5% 10.9% 696 409,671,208 489,288,960 12.1% 14.8% 7.0% 9.5% 2005 12.3% 11.0% 9.3% 4.9% 781 498,459,218 568,629,995 8.8% 9.0% 2006 817 10.0% 8.3% 22.2% 15.8% 544,877,064 620,415,124 7.6% 6.7% 6.8% 2007 5.7% 4.4% -0.2% 5.5% 831 584,521,293 681,807,787 8.4% 7.7% 2.7% 8.1% 796 2008 -27.1% -29.1% -36.9% -37.0% 396,386,690 485,921,399 13.8% 15.4% 15.1% -26.1% 750,025,372 2009 28.4% 26.8% 25.4% 19.6% 26.5% 750 447,830,002 18.2% 21.1% 19.6% 2010 15.9% 14.5% 12.9% 15.5% 15.1% 834 540,529,490 988,634,723 19.3% 23.2% 21.9% 2011 4.6% 3.4% 1.6% 0.4% 2.1% 957 602,673,598 1,116,241,768 15.6% 20.7% 18.7% 2012 14.3% 12.9% 11.3% 17.5% 16.0% 1.024 805.587.366 1,491,382,028 15.5% 15.1% 11.4% 2013 33.2% 31.8% 30.2% 32.6% 32.4% 1.038 1.143.735.361 2.186.337.295 9.5% 12.7% 11.9% 2014 17.2% 16.0% 14.2% 13.5% 13.7% 1,101 1,587,542,982 3,228,568,198 8.4% 9.2% 9.0% 2015 -3.8% 1.229 2,011,766,652 3,978,556,532 9.7% 10.7% 10.5% 2016 4.9% 3.9% 1.9% 17.3% 12.0% 1.143 2.103.497.016 4.144.710.216 9.8% 10.8% 10.6% 2017 13.8% 12.8% 10.8% 13.6% 21.8% 986 2,019,183,492 3,717,157,332 91% 10.2% 99% 2018 -1.8% -2.7% -4.8% -8.3% -4.4% 602 1,182,562,415 2,326,333,399 9.7% 10.8% 10.8% 2019 26.6% 25.5% 23.6% 26.5% 31.5% 530 1,221,228,724 2,370,910,589 10.3% 11.8% 11.9% 410 2020 13.3% 12.3% 10.3% 2.8% 18.4% 1,070,307,020 2,391,697,620 14.7% 19.6% 18.5% 2021 23.5% 22.3% 20.5% 25.1% 688 1,664,971,769 2.842.464.274 14.1% 17.2% 20.9% 2022 16.8% -7.7% -8.5% -10.7% -7.6% -18.1% 865 1,641,371,679 2,685,797,917 21.3%

2023

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1,855,900,793

3,263,334,990

14.6%

969

26.3%

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  The period January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1996 is not in compliance as performance for these years in-cludes only those fee-paying, fully discretionary equity accounts that were open for the entire calendar year. Adequate documentation for calculating total assets under management was not available for the years 1991-1993.

  The Scharf Quality Value Composite may not be an accurate representation of any specific account, as specific account performance depends on in-vestment timing, account specific guidelines, and other factors that vary from account to account. Scharl Investments is an independent investment advisory firm. A list of composite descriptions and a list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.

  Scharf Investments does not manage assets against any specific benchmark. The Scharf Quality Value Composite includes all asset-based fee-paying, fully disc
- Effective January 1, 2021, the Scharf Quality Value Composite was redefined to include wrap/bundled fee accounts. Prior to this date, the composite only contained non-wrap accounts. The percentage of wrap accounts within the composite for each applicable year are: 2021: 21.9%; 2022: 24.4%; 2023: 31.5%.

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  Returns are presented pross and net of management fees. Pure gross returns are presented as supplemental information to the net of fee returns due to certain portfolios not paying transaction costs applicable to wrap/bundled fee accounts. Prior to 1997, net of fee performance was calculated using the highest management fee of 0.375% per quarter. Beginning 1997, net of fee performance was calculated using actual management fees. Performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and other income and the deduction of trading commissions and other costs. Depending upon the custodian, these other costs may include fees deducted directly by the broker. The composite also includes portfolios that pay zero trading commissions. The pure gross of fees returns due to the felter the deduction of transaction costs. For new, non-warp Equity, Solution clients who pay only an an annual fee of 1.25% on the first \$3,000,000 of assets under management performance. The composite an annual fee that ranges from 0.45% to 1.00% of assets under the deduction of to this fee schedule, wrap fees paid to the separate account manager may also apply. In some access, wrap fees are calculated at the discretion of the institutional account advisor, which can vary and further affect net performance. The Composite Total Return Net of All Wrap Fees are the Composite Total Return Gross of Fees reduced by the highest wrap fee of 3% applied annually.

  The Scharf Quality Value Composite contains a pooled fund following the same strategy known as the Scharf Fund. This is not an offer to sell securities. That may only be accomplished by the issuance of a private dark provided fund selection of the institutional pooled fund clients, the highest fee schedule is 0.78% of the average daily assets per year with an expense ratio of 1.00% before fee waivers as of year ended September 30, 2020. A more comprehensive breakdown of said pooled fund's fee schedules and expense ratios are available upon request.

  Annualize
- 2019: 0.6%; 2021: 0.6%; 2022: 0.5%; 2023: 0.5%; 2023: 2054: 0.5%; 2023: 2054: 0.5%; 2023:
- 14. Results were generated using an investment philosophy and methodology that Scharf Investments expects to continue using. However, future investments may be made under different economic conditions and in different securities. Further, the re-sults do not reflect performance in every type of economic cycle. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

  15. As of July 1, 2023, the Scharf Sustainable Value Composite was renamed to the Scharf Quality Value Composite.