# **Scharf Quality Value Strategy**

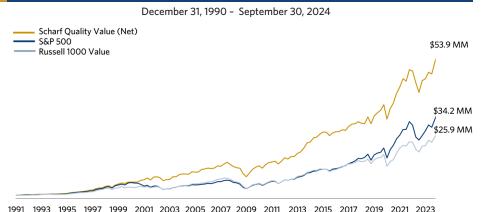
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#### Highlights, Year Founded 1983 Location Los Gatos, CA Firm Assets \$4.63 billion **Investment Style** Value Oriented **Annual Turnover** 35-45% Average Holdings 25-35

Top Equity Holdings <sub>2</sub> (%	)
FISERV	5.9
BROOKFIELD	5.7
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	5.4
MCKESSON	5.4
COMCAST	5.0
MICROSOFT	4.8
ORACLE	4.4
AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS	4.2
CENTENE	4.0

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



Sources: eVestment and Scharf Investments

### **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.

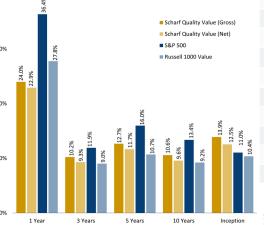
#### **Return Profile**

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- 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.



1.3.5, 10 Years, and Since Inception 12/31/90 - 9/30/24



eVestment Rankings Since GIPS Verified 12/31/96 -9/30/24	Scharf Quality Value (Gross)	Scharf Quality Value (Net)
Annual Return*	12.28	11.03
Percentile Rank	3	8
Alpha	5.26	4.08
Percentile Rank	1	5
Volatility (S.D.)**	13.98	13.94
Percentile Rank	8	8
Downside Capture	60.23	63.50
Percentile Rank	3	8
Upside Capture	93.44	88.48
Percentile Rank	80	90

\*S&P 500 Annual Return: 9.67%; Russell 1000 Value Annual Return: 8.69% \*\*S&P 500 Volatility (S.D.): 16.88%; Russell 1000 Value Volatility (S.D.): 16.82% Source: eVestment US Large Cap Value Equity Universe for the period 12/1996 8/2024. Sample size is 140 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 U.S.stock market. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The performance includes all fee-paying, fully discretionary equity accounts from their first full quarter under management through their last full quarter under management of the properties of the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings, 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 purchased, 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 September 30, 2024 are preliminary and may be subject to change as a result of ongoing verification 3 Firm assets are as of 9/30/2024 and includes assets under advisement 4 Indices cannot be invested in directly.

The investment strategies described herein are those of Scharf Investments. These materials are being provided for illustrative and informational purposes only. The information contained herein is obtained from multiple sources that are believed to be reliable. However, such information has not been verified, and may be different from the information included in documents and materials created by the sponsor firm in whose investment program a client participates. Some sponsor firms may require that these Scharf Investments materials are preceded or accompanied by investment profiles or other documents or materials prepared by such sponsor firms, which will be provided upon a client's request. For additional information, documents and/or materials, please speak to your Financial Advisor.

Value investing generally seeks stocks that may be sound investments but are temporarily out of favor in the marketplace and is subject to the risk that the valuations never improve or that the returns will trail other styles of investing or the overall stock markets. The SMA investment strategy discussed

may not be suitable or appropriate for all investors depending on their specific investment objectives and financial situation and potential investors should consult with their own financial professional before determining whether to inv

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### Scharf Investments Quality Value Composite Performance 1991-2023

Year Total Return Total Return Return Net 1000 Value Poor's 500 Composite Assets (\$) St Dev (Gross of Fees Net of Fees Assets (\$) St Dev (Gross of Fees)	St Dev St Dev
1991 42.2% 40.3% 39.2% 19.5% 30.5% 19 3,192,775 10,200,000 N/A	N/A N/A
1992 8.1% 6.5% 5.1% 9.4% 7.6% 35 5,623,314 18,500,000 N/A	N/A N/A
1993 9.1% 7.5% 6.1% 14.4% 10.1% 59 11,106,371 28,000,000 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 30.1% 28.4% 27.1% 35.2% 33.4% 212 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 22.2% 20.7% 19.2% 7.4% 21.0% 307 147,198,870 210,491,180 16.9%	16.0% 16.5%
2000 12.5% 11.1% 9.5% 7.4% -9.1% 348 164,086,403 218,975,246 18.2%	17.3% 17.4%
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% 478 202,541,718 273,841,310 16.7%	17.0% 18.5%
2003 28.5% 26.9% 25.5% 30.0% 28.7% 557 295,200,382 387,100,039 14.6%	16.0% 18.1%
2004 13.3% 11.9% 10.3% 16.5% 10.9% 696 409,671,208 489,288,960 12.1%	14.8% 14.9%
2005 12.3% 11.0% 9.3% 7.0% 4.9% 781 498,459,218 568,629,995 8.8%	9.5% 9.0%
2006 11.3% 10.0% 8.3% 22.2% 15.8% 817 544,877,064 620,415,124 7.6%	6.7% 6.8%
2007 5.7% 4.4% 2.7% -0.2% 5.5% 831 584,521,293 681,807,787 8.4%	8.1% 7.7%
2008 -26.1% -27.1% -29.1% -36.9% -37.0% 796 396,386,690 485,921,399 13.8%	15.4% 15.1%
2009 28.4% 26.8% 25.4% 19.6% 26.5% 750 447,830,002 750,025,372 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 11.4%	15.5% 15.1%
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 2.9% 1.9% -0.1% -3.8% 1.4% 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 9.1%	10.2% 9.9%
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%
2020 13.3% 12.3% 10.3% 2.8% 18.4% 410 1,070,307,020 2,391,697,620 14.7%	19.6% 18.5%
2021 23.5% 22.3% 20.5% 25.1% 28.7% 688 1,664,971,769 2,842,464,274 14.1%	19.1% 17.2%
2022 -7.7% -8.5% -10.7% -7.6% -18.1% 865 1,641,371,679 2,685,797,917 16.8%	21.3% 20.9%
2023 17.1% 16.0% 14.1% 11.4% 26.3% 969 1,855,900,793 3,263,334,990 14.6%	16.5% 17.3%

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  Scharf Investments claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS\*) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Scharf Investments has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2022. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, prostration, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Scharf Quality Value Composite has had a performance examination for the periods January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2022. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.
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  The Scharf Quality Value Composite may not be an accurate representation of any specific account, as specific account, as specific account performance depends on in-vestment timing, account specific guidelines, and other factors that vary from account to account. Scharf Investments does not manage assets against any specific benchmark. The Scharf Quality Value Composite includes all asset-based fee-paying, fully discretionary equity accounts that invest in a concentrated portfolio of equity securities that the Adviser believes have significantly more appreciation potential than downside risk over the long term. Because the equity mandate may be described as diversified, the benchmarks shown are the Russell 1000 Value Index contains 500 industrial, transportation, utility, and financial companies regarded as generally representative of the large capitalization U.S. stock market. The comparison of composite performance to the benchmarks is inappropriate because the benchmarks are more diversified than the composite portfolios generating such performance and the index returns represent only un-managed results. Due to these differences, potential investors are cautioned that to market index is directly comparable to the performance shown above. Effective January 1, 2021, the Scharf Quality Value Composite was redefined to include wary/bundled fee accounts. Prior to this date, the composite on contained non-varya paccounts. The percentage of wrap accounts within the composite for each applicable year are: 2021: 21,9%; 2022: 24,4%; 2023: 31,5%.

  Returns are presented gross and net of management fees. Pure gross returns are presented gross and net of management fees. Pure gross returns are pr
- up to \$5 million; any balance over \$5 million is subject to an institutional pricing schedule. For new, wrap/bundled fee Equity Solution clients who pay only an Asset Based Fee, the typical Asset Based Fee is an annual fee that ranges from 0.45% to 1.00% of assets. In addition to this fee schedule, wrap fees paid to the separate account manager may also apply. In some cases, wrap fees are alcallated at the discretion of the institutional account advisor, which can vary and further affect net performance. The Composite Total Return Nero fall Wrap Fees are the Composite Total Return Gross of Fees reduced by the highest wrap fees are alcallated at the discretion of the institutional account advisor, which can vary and further affect net performance. The 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 offering memorandum/subscription documents. For 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 expenses ratios are available upon request.

  Annualized 1991-2023 return for the composite was 13.8% before management fees, 12.5% after management fees. Annual-rized return for the benchmarks listed above were 9.6% & 10.6%, respectively. Returns are size-weighted and calculated using beginning of period values on an adjusted capital basis. Any foreign taxes paid in an account were treated as a flow and had no effect on the account's return. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The dispersion of the intrinsic from 1997 floward uses a gross of fees, size-weighted calculation of standard deviation and the internal dispersion of the composite. A pure gross return is the return on investments that is not

- 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.