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## Firm Overview



## Singularly focused on maximizing investment outcomes through adverse market conditions



#### Time-Tested

- Founded in 1983
- Investment Committee together since 2007
- Multiple market cycles
- Headquartered in Los Gatos, CA



#### Prudent

- Hyper-focused on adverse markets
- "Win by not losing"
- High quality stocks at value prices



#### Aligned

- Co-invested alongside our clients
- Independent and employee-controlled
- Investment focus vs. sales focus



#### **Boutique**

- Focused on holistic client experience
- Concentrated product offering
- \$3.6 billion in assets under management (as of September 30, 2022)

## Skilled and Seasoned Investment Team





Brian Krawez, CFA
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Investment Committee Chairman

MBA, University of California, Berkeley BS, University of California, Berkeley 26 years in Industry, 15 Years with Scharf



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## Differentiated Approach to Sustainable Value Investing



Objective is to provide capital appreciation over the course of a market cycle while losing notably less than relevant benchmarks in falling markets.

A strategy
benefiting from
a 25-year
outstanding audited
track-record

Focus on companies with attractive
Favorability Ratios<sup>1</sup>—Target those with 30%
upside vs. 10% downside

Identify companies with attractive earnings quality

A rigorous and cautious approach to avoid investing in value traps

Concentrated Portfolio 25-35 stocks. ~90% Active Share vs. Russell 1000V & S&P 500

<sup>)</sup> Favorability Ratio = % Upside Return Potential / % Downside Return Potential.



### Investment Philosophy

The **Scharf Sustainable Value Strategy** invests in high quality, enduring franchises priced at substantial discounts to fair value.

The investment team seeks to provide capital appreciation over the course of an entire market cycle while losing notably less than relevant benchmarks in falling markets. The team seeks to identify companies with low valuations combined with consistent and sustainable earnings, cash flow and/or book value

#### **Favorability Ratio**

Focus on upside potential vs. downside risk to historical trading ranges

#### **Earnings Quality**

Companies with less EPS variability mitigates downside

#### **Concentrated Portfolio**

Capturing opportunities in large and small companies in the U.S. and abroad to build a portfolio of 25-35 securities

High Active Share

Approximately 90% Historical Average vs. Russell 1000 Value and S&P 500

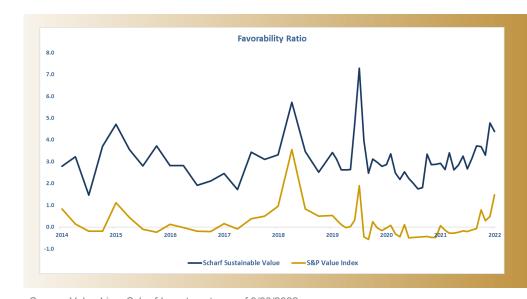


**Potential** 

### Investment Philosophy

Favorability Ratio is the unique, central focus of the Firm and refers to the investment team's modeled % upside to price target vs. % downside to price target.

- Stock selection requires a 3:1 ratio with the operative element being an estimated 10% downside
- Favorability Ratios are constantly maintained and reviewed, and drive portfolio buy, hold and sell decisions



Potential

BUYING WITH A SUFFICIENT MARGIN OF SAFETY BETWEEN VALUE AND PRICE DISCOUNTS VARIOUS RISKS.



#### **Investment Process**

The investment process focuses on two key components—Favorability Ratio and Earnings Quality—to screen from thousands of securities.

The Scharf Investment Process has focused on quality since the firm's inception. It moves forward with creating portfolios of sustainable businesses with compelling Carbon and ESG Risk scores

#### **MAP Screen\***

- 30-40%
   Appreciation
   Potential
- Screened on Historical Valuation Metrics

#### **Scharf 300\*\***

- Top Earnings Predictability
- EPS Growth > 10%
- Strong Capital Returns
- Strong Balance Sheet
- Shareholder Friendly
- Long Operating History

#### **Rigorous Research**

- Qualitative Confirmation of Quantitative Potential
- Downside Risk Assessment
- Key Investment Drivers Identified
- ESG analysis

THE RESULT: CONCENTRATED PORTFOLIO OF 25-35 HIGHEST CONVICTION, BEST IDEAS



#### **Investment Risk Controls**

#### **Buy Discipline**

- Favorability Ratios assigned to screened securities
- Quantitative and qualitative factors reviewed
- Holdings typically range from 2% to 6%
  - Security exposure maximum: 10%
  - Sector exposure maximum: 30%
  - Industry exposure maximum: 20%
- Favorability Ratio Arbitrates Portfolio Decisions

#### **Sell Discipline**

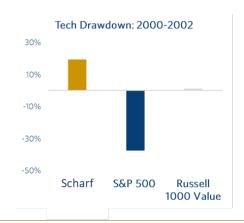
- Favorability Ratios reviewed daily
- Securities are trimmed or sold when adverse Favorability Ratios are identified
  - Price appreciation beyond historical parameters
  - Negative financial developments
  - Declining fundamentals

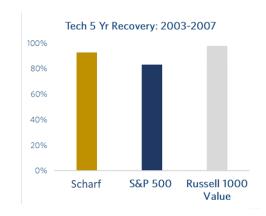
THE INVESTMENT TEAM TAKES AN "ASSESS AND REASSESS" APPROACH TO SECURITY SELECTION.

## Mitigating Losses During Adverse Markets



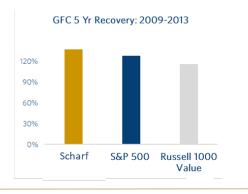






## Global Financial Crisis Era Returns





#### Annualized Rates of Return (%) as of September 30, 2022

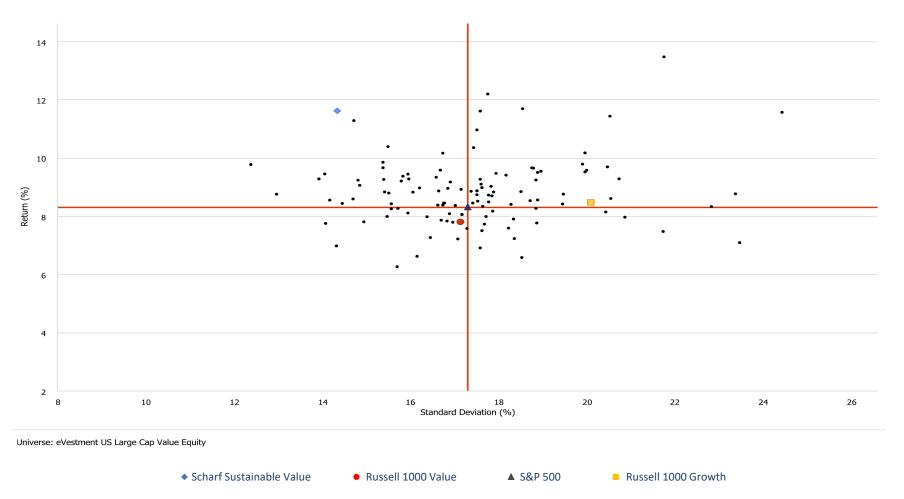
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Scharf Sustainable Value (Gross)	-8.87%	8.20%	10.75%
Scharf Sustainable Value (Net)	-9.61%	7.25%	9.70%
Russell 1000 Value Index	-11.36%	5.29%	9.17%
S&P 500 Index	-15.47%	9.24%	11.70%

Sources: Bloomberg, Scharf Investments.

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Strong Risk-Adjusted Returns (1/1/1997-9/30/2022)



Sources: eVestment. Scharf Sustainable Value SMA composite since GIPS-inception 12/31/1997-9/30/2022. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Timing of investments, cash flows and fees will have an impact on performance not indicated in the table above, and different periods and market conditions may result in significantly different outcomes.



## Outperformance During All Negative Broad-Market Calendar Years Since 2000

Year	Russell 1000 Value	S&P 500	Scharf Sustainable Value (Gross)	Scharf Sustainable Value (Net)
2000	7.4%	-9.1%	12.5%	11.1%
2001	-5.6%	-11.9%	19.2%	17.7%
2002	-15.5%	-22.1%	-11.1%	-12.2%
2008	-36.9%	-37.0%	-25.0%	-27.1%
2018	-8.3%	-4.4%	-0.6%	-1.8%
YTD 2022	-17.8%	-23.9%	-17.2%	-17.7%

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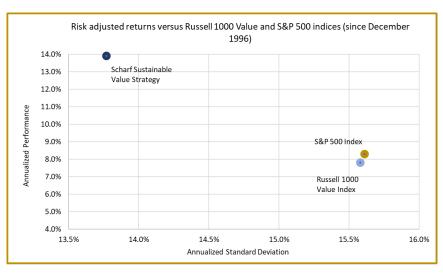
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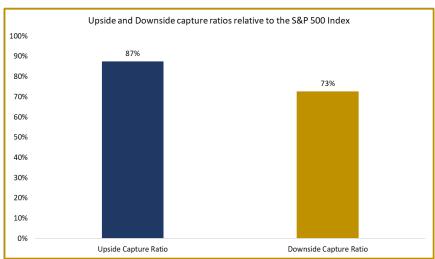


## Favorable Risk/Return Profile and Up/Down Capture

The **Scharf Sustainable Value Strategy** has delivered benchmark-beating returns while minimizing risk.

 Disciplined and consistent investment process has resulted in favorable capture ratios in both up and down markets.





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Top-Ranked Strategy Within eVestment US Large Cap Value Equity Universe\* vs. Russell 1000 Value (12/31/1996-9/30/2022)



<sup>\*</sup>Source: eVestment. Sample size is 428 for eVestment US Large Cap Value Equity Universe (Gross) rankings. Scharf Investments did not pay to participate in this ranking.



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### Performance

Annualized Rates of Return (%) as of	Market Cycle Performance							
	3/00-9/07	10/07-9/22						
Scharf Sustainable Value (Gross)	-17.2%	-8.87%	7.28%	8.20%	10.75%	13.44%	12.36%	8.85%
Scharf Sustainable Value (Net)	-17.7%	-9.61%	6.36%	7.25%	9.70%	12.08%	10.97%	7.72%
Russell 1000 Value Index	-17.8%	-11.36%	4.36%	5.29%	9.17%	9.21%	8.03%	5.91%
S&P 500 Index	-23.9%	-15.47%	8.16%	9.24%	11.70%	10.01%	1.93%	8.25%

#### Calendar-Year Total Returns (%) ending December 31

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Scharf Sustainable Value (Gross)	23.52%	12.19%	26.07%	-0.62%	13.95%	5.13%	2.68%	16.94%	34.08%	14.31%	3.89%	15.21%	28.63%	-24.96%
Scharf Sustainable Value (Net)	22.19%	10.86%	24.53%	-1.83%	12.68%	3.93%	1.51%	15.51%	32.44%	12.85%	2.58%	13.59%	26.30%	-27.07%
Russell 1000 Value Index	25.16%	2.78%	26.52%	-8.28%	13.64%	17.33%	-3.84%	13.44%	32.56%	17.51%	0.39%	15.50%	19.63%	-36.87%
S&P 500 Index	28.71%	18.39%	31.48%	-4.39%	21.82%	11.95%	1.37%	13.68%	32.38%	16.00%	2.11%	15.06%	26.47%	-37.00%

Sources: Bloomberg, Scharf Investments. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Net of fees performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and other income and the deduction of trading commissions and other costs.



## Portfolio Characteristics (as of 9/30/2022)

	Strategy	Russell 1000 Value	S&P 500
Strategy Assets	\$1.66 billion		
Number of Holdings	28		
Dividend Yield	1.6%	2.6%	1.8%
Trailing P/E	17.4x	14.0x	19.0x
Forward P/E	14.5x	12.3x	15.2x
Price to Cash Flow	13.8x	9.9x	13.1x
Return on Equity	32.7%	14.4%	20.0%
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.8x	1.6x	1.2x
Est. Next 3 Years EPS Growth	12.2%	5.4%	7.7%
Historical 5 Years EPS Growth	12.2%	9.9%	11.8%
Median Market Cap.	\$50.7 billion	\$12.1 billion	\$28.9 billion
Weighted Market Cap.	\$218.6 billion	\$139.6 billion	\$197.0 billion
Active Share		89.7%	85.6%
Average Turnover	25.4%		<del></del>

Sources: Bloomberg, Scharf Investments.



## Portfolio Characteristics (as of 9/30/2022)

#### **Sector Weightings (%)**

#### Russell 1000 Value **S&P 500** Strategy **Consumer Discretionary** 5.9 6.0 11.6 **Consumer Staples** 7.9 7.2 6.8 0.0 7.8 4.6 Energy **Financials** 11.3 20.0 11.0 **Health Care** 27.6 17.3 15.0 **Industrials** 9.1 10.0 7.8 Information Technology 16.2 8.8 26.4 Materials 3.7 4.1 2.5 **Communication Services** 7.1 8.0 8.1 Utilities 0.0 6.0 3.0 Real Estate 0.0 4.8 2.7 Cash 11.2 0.0 0.5

#### Top 10 Holdings (%)

McKesson	7.4
Berkshire Hathaway	6.7
CVS Health	5.6
Centene	5.1
Microsoft	5.1
Lockheed Martin	4.6
Markel	4.6
Johnson & Johnson	4.0
Oracle	3.9
Advance Auto Parts	3.8
Total	50.8

Sources: Bloomberg, Scharf Investments. 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.

## GIPS® Disclosure



Scharf Sustainable Value Composite Performance (1991-2021)

Year	Composite Total Return Gross of Fees	Composite Total Return Net of Fees	Composite Total Return Net of All Wrap Fees	Russell 1000 Value Return	Standard & Poor's 500 Return	Number of Composite Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$)	Total Firm Assets (\$)	Composite 3 Year St Dev (Gross of Fees)	Russell 1000 Value 3 Year St Dev	Standard & Poor's 500 3 Year 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%

## GIPS® Disclosure Notes



## Scharf Sustainable Value Composite Performance (1991-2021)

- 1. 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, 2021. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Scharf Sustainable Value Composite has had a performance examination for the periods January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.
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- 3. The period January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1996 is not in compliance as performance for these years includes 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.
- 4. The Scharf Sustainable Value Composite may not be an accurate representation of any specific account, as specific account performance depends on investment timing, account specific guidelines, and other factors that vary from account to account.
- 5. Scharf Investments is an independent investment advisory firm. A list of composite descriptions and a list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.
- 6. Scharf Investments does not manage assets against any specific benchmark. The Scharf Sustainable 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 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. 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 unmanaged results. Due to these differences, potential investors are cautioned that no market index is directly comparable to the performance shown above.
- 7. Effective January 1, 2021, the Scharf Sustainable 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%.
- Returns are presented gross 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 do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs. For new, non-wrap Equity Solution clients who pay only an Asset Based Fee, the typical Asset Based Fee is an annual fee of 1.25% on the first \$3,000,000 of assets under management, plus 0.80% over \$3 million and 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 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.
- 9. The Scharf Sustainable 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 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 expense ratios are available upon request.
- 10. Annualized 1991-2021 return for the composite was 14.5% before management fees, 13.1% after management fees. Annualized return for the benchmarks listed above were 11.2% & 10.1%, 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.
- 11. The dispersion of annual gross returns for 1991 through 1996 is measured by the standard deviation unweighted by the size of the account. Dispersion from 1997 forward uses a gross of fees, size-weighted calculation of standard deviation. Pure gross returns were used to calculate the three-year annualized ex post standard deviation and the internal dispersion of the composite. A pure gross return is the return on investments that is not reduced by any transaction costs incurred during the period. There is no minimum portfolio size for the accounts in the composite. In addition, individual accounts may have been part of a multi-account relationship. In these cases, diversification might have occurred at the relationship level rather than the individual account level. Relationship level management was discontinued in 2004 and phased out during 2004 and 2005. The factors above have an unknown effect on the dispersion statistics which follow: 1991: 6.9%, 1992: 2.9%, 1993: 2.8%, 1994: 2.5%; 1995: 11.2%; 1996: 5.3%; 1997: 5.9%; 1998: 8.3%; 1999: 9.5%; 2000: 7.7%; 2001: 5.5%; 2002: 2.7%; 2003: 5.0%; 2004: 1.5%; 2005: 1.2%; 2006: 1.0%; 2007: 0.7%; 2008: 0.8%; 2009: 1.0%; 2010: 0.6%; 2011: 0.6%; 2012: 0.4%; 2013: 1.0%; 2014: 0.6%; 2015: 0.3%; 2016: 0.4%; 2017: 0.7%; 2018: 0.3%; 2019: 0.6%; 2021: 0.6%; 2021: 0.6%.
- 12. Data to calculate ex-post standard deviation for the trailing 36 months was not available for periods before 1999.
- 13. The Scharf Sustainable Value Composite was created on December 31, 2013 with an inception date of January 1, 1984. The composite retains performance from the Scharf Core Equity Composite prior to 2021. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars.
- 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 results do not reflect performance in every type of economic cycle. Past performance is not indicative of future results.



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