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## MADISON DISCIPLINED EQUITY

### Strategy Overview

This overview is an introduction to Madison's Disiplined Equity philosophy, process, and investment team.

#### OUR INVESTMENT STRATEGY

We utilize a bottom-up, fundamental research process to evaluate the companies we are considering for inclusion in the portfolio with four key areas of focus:

#### **BUSINESS MODEL**

We look closely at the company's business model and strategy seeking high quality companies with a sustainable competitive advantage, consistent and durable growth, and a solid balance sheet.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL EVALUATION & GOVERNANCE

We evaluate the company's overall governance including how they assess and manage their environmental and social impacts and risks.

#### MANAGEMENT

We look for capable and proven management teams. Our assessment includes looking at historical results and actions with particular focus on capital allocation, business strategies, operational acumen, corporate responsibility and shareholder alignment.

#### VALUATION

We strive to purchase high quality companies at attractive valuations. We determine the value of the company and look to buy the stock at a good price relative to its value. We use a variety of valuation methods and scenarios to determine the right price including relative multiple comparisons, discounted cash flow modeling, and private market valuations.

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- + Pursues superior long term returns while minimizing risk
- + Invest in high quality companies with sustainable growth and strong corporate governance

#### **KEY FACTS**

Strategy Inception:	March 2008
Benchmarks:	S&P 500° Index
Positions:	40-60 high quality stocks with a focus on sustainability
Top 10 Weight	Typically 25-35%
Sector Weight	Less than 2x S&P 500 weight
Turnover	Typically 20-40%

Following our Participate and Protect<sup>®</sup> investment philosophy, our goal is to build portfolios so that investors will participate in favorable markets and be protected during market declines compared with investors in portfolios holding more speculative and volatile securities. There is no assurance that this goal will be realized.

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#### WHY MADISON?

Our management discipline requires constant attention to individual stocks, continual monitoring of market conditions and the willingness to make tough decisions. It has meant having the wisdom to be patient, the courage to act on our convictions, and the discipline to stay true to our style.

#### CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR OVER 40 YEARS

Since Madison was founded in 1974, managing client assets has been the sole focus of our company. Our investment professionals build risk- conscious portfolios and strive to deliver excellent investment results and best-in-class service to our clients. We partner with investors and their advisers to help clients achieve their investment goals through our offering of actively-managed stock, bond, and asset allocation portfolios constructed to emphasize downside protection.

#### INDEPENDENT AND ALIGNED WITH OUR CLIENTS

Madison is 100% employee-owned. Because our employees are owners, we are only successful if our clients' investing experience is excellent. We make decisions that are in the long-term best interest of those we serve. Our independence allows us to focus entirely on managing our clients' assets with no outside influences

#### Experienced Management



Maya Bittar, CFA\* Portfolio Manager Industry since 1986

Prior experience: Artisan Partners, LLC, Firstar (U.S. Bank), Wellington Management Company

Education: BBA in accounting, MBA in international business, MS in finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Applied Security Analysis Program



Dave Geisler Portfolio Manager Industry since 2004

Prior experience: Lateef Investment Management, Artisan Partners, Cowen and Company

Education: BA in economics from University of California-San Diego, MBA from University of California-Berkeley, certifications in Management of Technology and Entrepreneurship

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