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# ADVANCED WEALTH STRATEGIES

## Inspiring Financial Freedom

We are experts in helping people excel  
in United States markets

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## Empowering Financial Success

With over three decades of excellence in global portfolio management, we deliver sophisticated investment solutions to institutions and financial advisors worldwide. Our proprietary stock selection methodology has consistently demonstrated its ability to achieve dual objectives: outperforming market indices while maintaining lower volatility. This proven approach combines rigorous quantitative analysis with deep market expertise, enabling our partners to provide their clients with institutional-grade portfolio management driven by disciplined, systematic processes.

## KEY PORTFOLIOS

### Core Portfolio

The US Core strategy seeks to maximize total return by utilizing the best positions from both our value and growth-oriented strategies, combining them into a single portfolio.

The balance portfolio provides excellent exposure to the US stock market and often serves as foundational part of a client's portfolio.

### Growth Portfolio

The Growth Portfolio seeks to achieve capital appreciation by investing in common stocks of various sized companies we believe will experience accelerated earnings, strong revenue growth, and robust share price appreciation.

We analyze a diverse set of fundamental factors to search for companies that demonstrate persistent growth relative to their peers and industry.

### Dividend Portfolio

The Dividend Portfolio seeks to provide investors with a desirable mix of income and total return through stock dividends and capital appreciation of equity holdings.

The strategy targets stocks believed to be undervalued by fundamental measures, and strong future appreciation potential is emphasized along with current income.

### Additional Portfolios

In addition to the three key portfolios listed above, we also offer various additional portfolios including international developed market, international emerging markets, ETF based US market exposure, and various fixed income strategies.



# Performance Summary

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## Strategy Performance Summary As of 31 December 2024

STRATEGY/BENCHMARK	CUMULATIVE		AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS		
	3-mo	YTD	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr
ASTERIA PORTFOLIOS: US STOCK PORTFOLIOS					
Asteria US Growth Equity	5.18	37.48	37.48	15.55	16.40
Russell 3000 Growth Index	6.82	32.46	32.46	9.93	18.24
Asteria US Dividend Equity	0.25	21.59	21.59	8.99	9.79
Russell 3000 Value Index	-1.94	13.98	13.98	5.40	8.59
Asteria US Core Equity	1.11	25.43	25.43	11.63	16.03
Russell 3000 Index	2.63	23.81	23.81	8.00	13.86
ASTERIA PORTFOLIOS: ETF PORTFOLIOS					
Asteria US ETF Strategy	-0.53	17.79	17.79	6.09	10.90
Russell 3000 Index	2.63	23.81	23.81	8.00	13.86
ASTERIA PORTFOLIOS: INTERNATIONAL ETF PORTFOLIOS					
Asteria Developed Markets Equity	-4.48	9.37	9.37	3.06	7.33
MSCI EAFE Index	-8.11	3.82	3.82	1.64	4.73
Asteria Emerging Markets Equity	-5.27	9.53	9.53	-1.65	2.93
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-8.01	7.50	7.50	-1.92	1.70
ASTERIA PORTFOLIOS: FIXED INCOME ETF PORTFOLIOS					
Asteria Fixed Income	-2.21	3.21	3.21	-0.92	-
BBg US Aggregate Bond Index	-3.06	1.25	1.25	-2.41	-

### DISCLOSURES

All results are expressed in US dollar and reflect reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and other earnings as well as the deduction of trading or other expenses incurred. Performance reflects the gross return of composite. The performance results are compliant with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS).

Prior to October 2023, the strategies were created and managed by Asteria Wealth. In October 2023, Quartz Partners Investment Management acquired strategies and accounts. Daniel Wildermuth, the portfolio manager, and the investment strategies remain the same for portfolio management of accounts based in North America.





## OBJECTIVE

The **Core Strategy** seeks to provide exposure to both value and growth-oriented strategies by combining select positions from our Dividend and Growth Portfolios into a single portfolio. Positions believed to offer accelerated earnings growth, strong share price potential and attractive valuations are targeted.

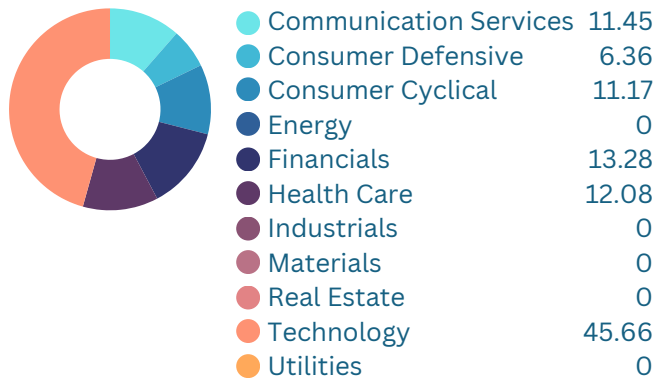
## PERFORMANCE

(Percent as of 31 December 2024)

	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Gross	25.43	25.43	11.63	16.03
Russell 3000	23.81	23.81	8.00	13.86

## EQUITY SECTORS

(%)



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Security Name	Weight (%)
Broadcom Inc	8.01
Nvidia Corp	7.15
Interdigital Communications Co	6.75
Bellring Brands Com Cl A	6.21
Meta Platforms Inc	5.83
Apple Inc	5.58
Ameriprise Financial	5.35
Alphabet Inc Cl A	5.34
Gartner Inc	4.79
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc	4.69

## PORTFOLIO PROFILE

### PROCESS

The **Core Strategy** invests primarily in U.S. stocks diversified across various market sectors. All positions are monitored and analyzed weekly, and annual turnover is targeted at less than 50 percent. Holding periods are generally at least one year, however holdings made be added or sold at any time.

### OPERATIONS

**Inception Date:** 9/30/2002  
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## OBJECTIVE

The **Growth Strategy** seeks to achieve capital appreciation by investing in common stocks of various-sized companies we believe will experience accelerated earnings, strong revenue growth, and robust share price appreciation.

## PERFORMANCE

(Percent as of 31 December 2024)

	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Gross	37.48	37.48	15.55	16.40
Russell 3000 Growth	32.46	32.46	9.93	18.24

## EQUITY SECTORS

(%)



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Security Name	Weight (%)
Broadcom Inc	9.42
NVIDIA Corp	8.48
Vertiv Holdings Co Cl A	7.60
Interdigital Communications Co	7.15
Bellring Brands Inc Com Cl A	5.84
Supernus Pharmaceuticals Inc	5.37
Apple Inc	5.14
Meta Platforms Inc	4.75
Alibaba Group ADR	4.71
Encompass Health Corp	4.33

## PORTFOLIO PROFILE

### PROCESS

The **Growth Strategy** invests primarily in U.S. stocks diversified across various market sectors. All positions are monitored and analyzed weekly, and annual turnover is targeted at less than 50 percent. Holding periods are generally at least one year, however, holdings may be added or sold at any time.

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## OBJECTIVE

The **Dividend Strategy** seeks to provide income and total return through stock dividends and capital appreciation of equity holdings by targeting stocks believed to be undervalued by fundamental measures. The portfolio targets dividend income double the S&P 500.

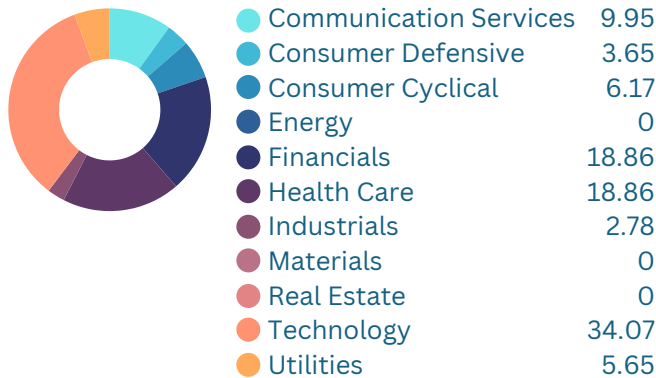
## PERFORMANCE

(Percent as of 31 December 2024)

	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Gross	21.59	21.59	8.99	9.79
Russell 3000 Value	13.98	13.98	5.40	8.59

## EQUITY SECTORS

(%)



## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Security Name	Weight (%)
Broadcom Inc	8.41
Tapestry Inc	5.78
NRG Energy Inc	5.29
Meta Platforms Inc	5.27
Gen Digital Inc	5.22
Ameriprise Financial	5.17
Leidos Holdings Inc	5.17
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co	5.15
Encompass Health Corp	5.03
Immersion Corp	5.03

## PORTFOLIO PROFILE

### PROCESS

The **Dividend Strategy** invests primarily in U.S. stocks diversified across various market sectors. All positions are monitored and analyzed weekly, and annual turnover is targeted at less than 50 percent. Holding periods are generally at least one year, however holdings may be added or sold at any time.

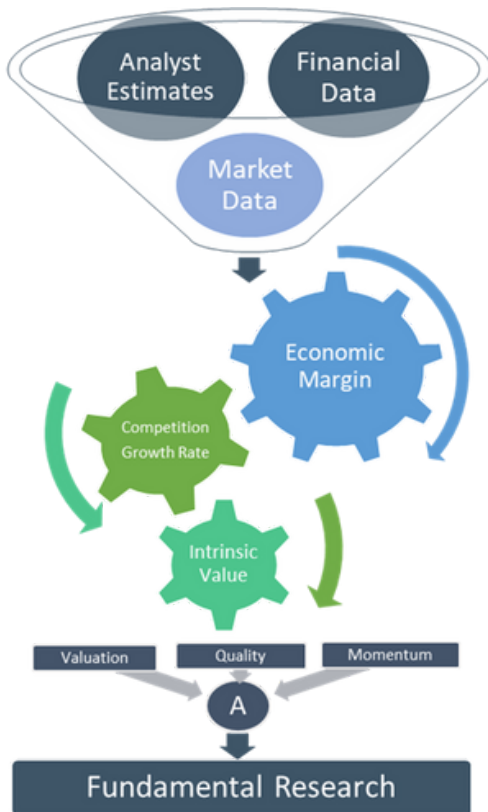
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## Systematic Equity Grading System



### Apply Filters to Narrow Stock Universe

- Revenue Growth, Income Growth Valuation, Sectors, Industry and Market Capitalization

### Inputs

- Corporate Financial Data
- Analyst Expectations
- Market Data and expectations

### Harness Powerful Algorithms & Software

- Quantify real corporate performance (Economic Margin)
- Calculate intrinsic value estimate with complex multi-stage model
- Rank stocks (A-F) on factors driving value

### Multi-Factor Grading System

- Valuation
- Quality
- Momentum

### Decision thru In-Depth Research on Best Companies

- Macro considerations, risk / return analysis

### Target Performance

Large Caps: Outperform broad market by at least 200 bps.

Mid/Small Caps: Outperform broad market by at least 300 bps.

### Allocation

Fairly neutral on weighting according to GICS sectors, but we may tilt exposure to particular sectors we feel are likely to outperform while still maintaining diversification across sectors.

### Portfolio Construction and Monitoring

- Portfolio constructed through a combination of top-down macro views and bottom-up research
- Constant evaluation of macro environment, shifts in analyst expectations, business environment

### Disciplined Sell Process

- Re-graded at least weekly
- When security falls to a C rating, it is normally replaced



## Experienced, Knowledgeable, & Successful

Daniel and Carol Wildermuth are a dynamic entrepreneurial team with over 25 years of partnership in the financial services industry. Together, they have founded and grown nine successful companies, leveraging their complementary expertise to create innovative solutions in investment management and financial services. Their collaborative leadership has established a proven track record of building and scaling businesses that serve both institutional and individual investors.



Daniel has pioneered investment strategies across domestic and international markets, managing portfolios for both retail and institutional investors.

A respected voice in finance, he has authored two books published by McGraw-Hill on portfolio investing and regularly shares his market insights through an internationally distributed newsletter. His expertise has been featured in leading financial media including Barron's, Forbes, and CNBC. He holds an MBA from UCLA Anderson School of Management, where he graduated in the top 2% of his class, and a BS in Engineering from Stanford University.



Carol has extensive experience in global financial services, with expertise spanning business development, marketing, product due diligence and regulatory compliance.

Prior to her entrepreneurial pursuits, her career includes management and supervision of the Private Client Division for Lehman Brothers' Southeast Asia operations. She also provided consultancy services to a startup financial company in post-communist Hungary. Carol began her career working on money management teams at Morgan Stanley New York and later in Los Angeles.

Carol graduated magna cum laude from Pacific Lutheran University with a B.A. in Economics. She has been married for over 35 years and is the mother of two wonderful children.

