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# The Little House Difference

We embrace innovation, challenge conventional wisdom and strive to deliver strong investment results for our clients.



### **FIRM FACTS**

### History

- Team history dates back to 2010
- Little House Capital was founded in 2017 to offer proprietary investment strategies and products
- Firm's mission is to deliver industry-leading client experience with technology-focused solutions
- Firm is 100% employee-owned

### Experience

- Senior investment team professionals average over 30 years of industry experience
- Leverage collective expertise in overseeing and managing large mutual funds and asset pools
- Demonstrated security selection and top-down expertise

#### Clients

- Foundations and Endowments
- Family Offices
- Pension Plans
- High Net Worth Individuals





# **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

### **Our Objectives**

Competitive risk-adjusted returns with less downside risk

Diversified exposure to high-quality, well-capitalized companies

Sustainable and improving business fundamentals

### **Our Beliefs**

In the short-term, equity prices are heavily influenced by changing investor sentiment

In the long term, equity share prices reflect the value of cash flows and economic profits

Markets evolve and require a nimble, actively managed approach to portfolio construction

Irrational market behavior creates opportunities for disciplined, fundamentally oriented, investors



# **INVESTMENT PROCESS: Overview**

#### **Refine the Universe**

- Revenue/Earnings Growth
- Valuation, Growth and Profitability
- Cash Flow Generation
- · Earnings Quality and Sustainability

#### **Top-Down Assessment**

- Macro Themes
- Industry Themes
- Risk Environment

# **Universe** 1,500 Companies

**High Quality Opportunity Set** 300-500

**Idea Generation** 100-125

**Potential Buys** 60-70

Potential Sells 0-10

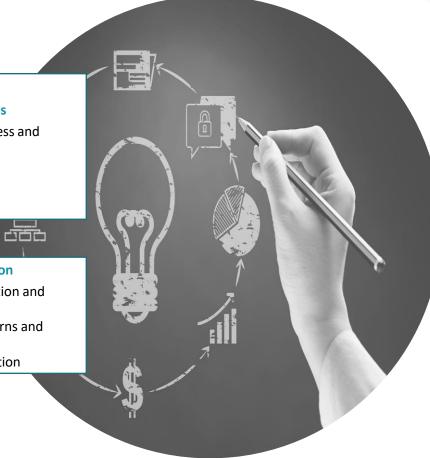
Portfolio Holdings 30-50

#### **Bottom-Up Analysis**

- Business Model Attractiveness and Sustainability
- Valuation
- Management Assessment

#### **Portfolio Construction**

- Sustainable Income Generation and Growth
- Superior Risk-Adjusted Returns and Downside Protection
- Sector and Stock Diversification





### **INVESTMENT PROCESS: Refine Universe**

#### **Profitability**

Improving returns on Capital

#### Growth

Revenue growth in expanding markets

#### **Valuation**

Fair-value range

#### **Earnings Quality**

Financials depict economic reality



Universe

**High-Quality Opportunity Set** 





# **INVESTMENT PROCESS: Top-Down Assessment**

#### **MACROECONOMIC**

- Global Growth Profile
- Monetary & Fiscal Policy
- Inflationary Expectations
- Foreign Trade

#### **CAPITAL MARKETS**

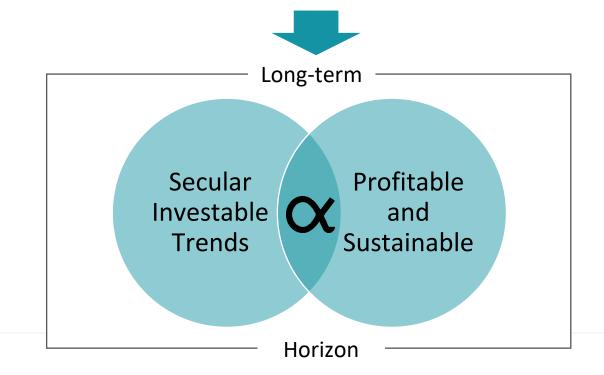
- Asset Class Risk Review
- Return Expectations
- Factor/Style Trends
- Yield Curve Assessment

#### **INDUSTRY THEMES**

- Innovation/Disruption
- Consolidation/Concentration
- Relative Industry Profitability
- Growth and Valuation trends
- ESG Profile

#### **RISK ENVIRONMENT**

- Macro Factor Profile
- Investor Risk Aversion
- Systemic Economic Risk
- Correlation Analysis





# **INVESTMENT PROCESS: Bottom-Up Analysis**

#### **BUSINESS MODEL**

- Revenue Sourcing
- Profitability/Cash Flow
- Growth Drivers
- Cost of Capital
- Financial Predictability
- Intrinsic Value Range

#### **GROWTH PROSPECTS**

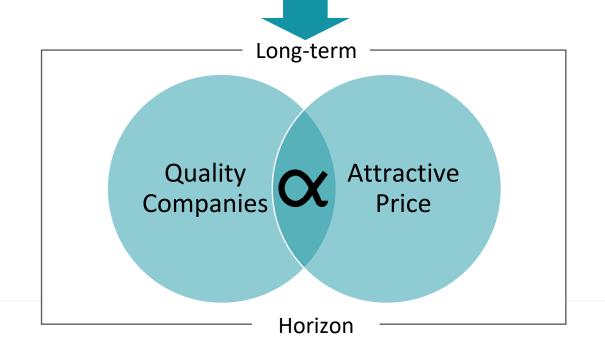
- Growing Industry Trends
- Market Share
- Product Innovation
- Margin Expansion
- Cash Flow Growth Potential

#### **FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY**

- Solid Balance Sheet
- Free Cash Flow Generation
- Manageable Cost of capital
- Adequate Dividend Coverage
- Cost Containment
- Debt Quality/Management

#### **MANAGEMENT QUALITY**

- Record of Value Creation
- Shareholder Oriented
- Corporate Vision
- Regulatory Backdrop
- Proven Track Record





# **INVESTMENT PROCESS: Portfolio Construction**

**Buy, Sell, Trim Decisions** 

**Portfolio Holdings** 



#### **Improve Risk/Reward Profile**

Calibrate exposure to current outlook

#### **Enhance the Quality of Growth**

Sustainable and growing dividend income

#### **Maintain Portfolio Diversification**

Broad exposure to sectors & industries

#### **Reduce Idiosyncratic Risk**

Understand non-systemic relationships

#### **Reduce Downside Risk**

Protect principal





# **RISK MANAGEMENT: Controls**

### **Portfolio Level**

Sector exposure constraints relative to the Benchmark

Overall risk profile calibrated to capital market environment

Neutral factor/style risk exposures relative to the Benchmark



### **Individual Stock**

Transparent business model and trustworthy management

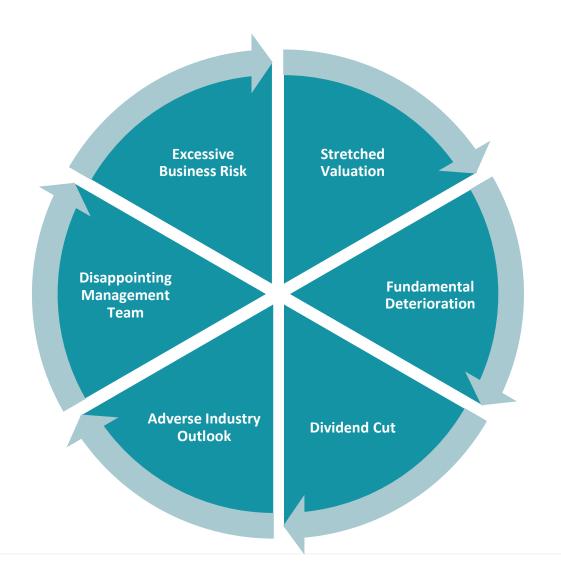
Margin of safety valuation and financial stability

Ability to withstand financial shocks

No accounting "red" flags



# **RISK MANAGEMENT: Sell Discipline**



### **Final Sale Rationale:**

- Company cuts the dividend
- Management changes/loss of confidence
- Stock price exceeds intrinsic valuation range
- Rapidly deteriorating company fundamentals
- Spike in company financial-risk profile
- Revenue/Earnings assumptions challenged
- Better opportunities elsewhere



Portfolio
LHC Absolute
Opportunity+

As of 12.31.22



# **LHC Absolute Opportunity+**

- Strategy run since December 31, 2017
- Team averages over 25 years of industry experience
- Focus on larger capitalization, high growth companies with a record of sustained cash flow generation
- Integrated bottom-up and top-down investment approach
- Actively managed, concentrated portfolio of high-conviction ideas
- Benchmarked to a blend of 50% S&P 500 and 50% Russell 1000
   Growth



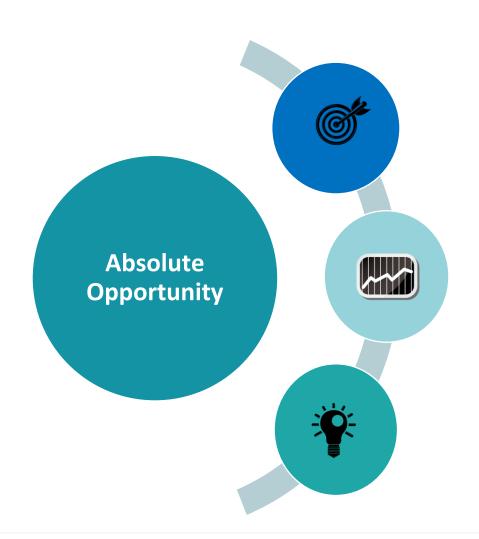


# **LHC Absolute Opportunity**



Product Specifications					
Cash (0-5%)	Tracking Error (3-6%)	Turnover (25-50%)	Number of Holdings (30-50)	Relative Sector Constraints (+/- 7%)	Individual Stock Weights (1 to 10%)

# **PORTFOLIO: Structure**



#### **Consistent Growers:**

Consistent cash-flow generation with sustainable financials & strong management teams operating in a leadership position (70-80%)

#### **Misunderstood Achievers:**

Underappreciated long-term value enhancing opportunities created by innovation in new technologies and markets (15-20%)

#### **Unrecognized Value:**

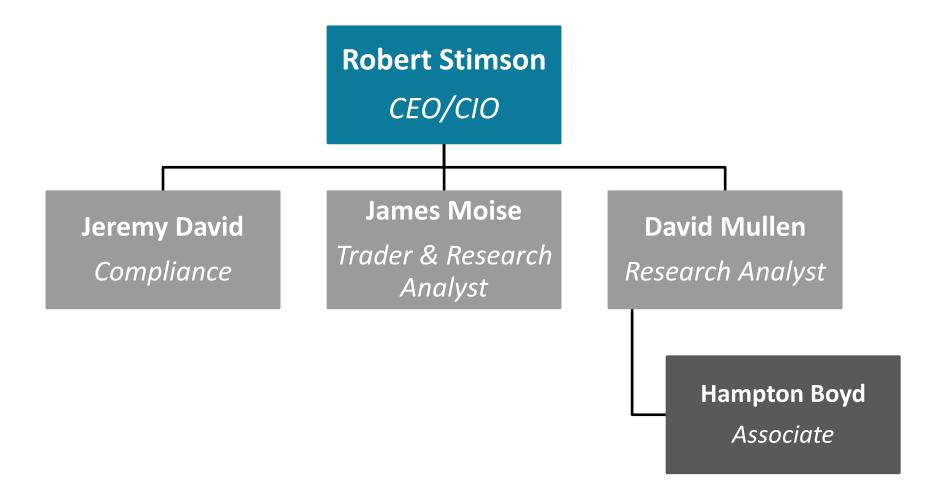
The stock price failed to keep up with improving fundamentals such as cash flow generation and return on capital (5-10%)



# THE LHC TEAM

Robert C. Stimson, CPA	Lead Portfolio Manager, Chief Investment Officer Boston College, MSF Ithaca College, BA/BS	36 years of industry experience	
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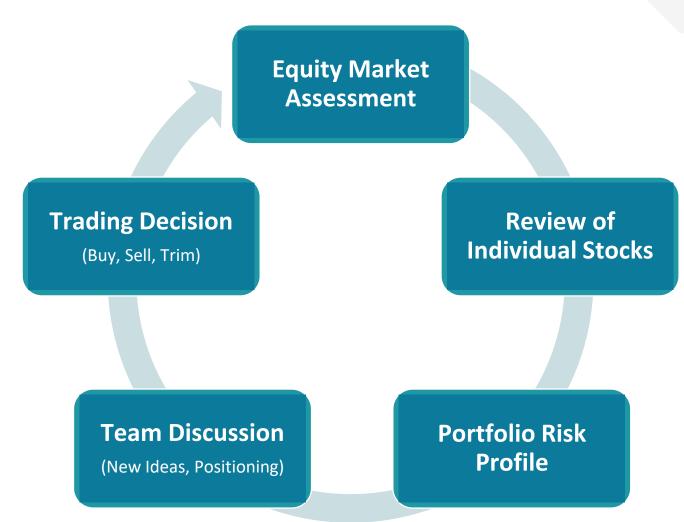
# LHC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





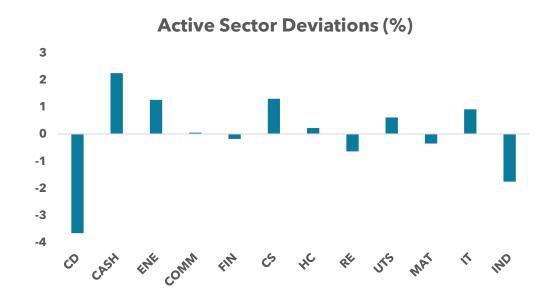
# **PORTFOLIO: Ongoing Review Process**





# **PORTFOLIO:** Top Holdings

Top 10 Holdings	Value
MICROSOFT CORP	9.6
APPLE INC	7.8
ALPHABET INC-CL A	5.6
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC-CL B	4.1
WALMART INC	3.9
AMAZON.COM INC	3.7
ЈОНИЅОИ & ЈОНИЅОИ	3.5
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	3.2
CHEVRON CORP	3.2
MASTERCARD INC - A	3.1

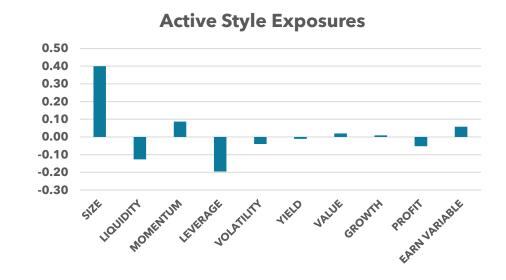


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# **PORTFOLIO:** Key Characteristics

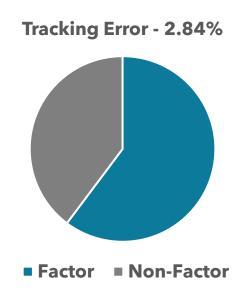
Characteristic	Portfolio	Benchmark
Dividend Yield	1.84	1.81
Price to Earnings	21.04	21.50
Price to Cash Flow	15.12	15.13
Price to Book	4.93	5.43
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	94.58	121.43
Current Ratio	1.40	1.26
Forward Dividend Yield	1.449	1.511
Return On Equity	21.13	22.94

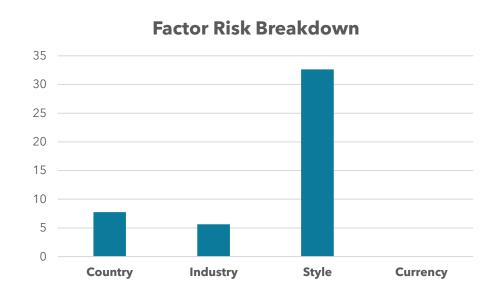


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# **PORTFOLIO RISK**





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# **PERFORMANCE RESULTS**

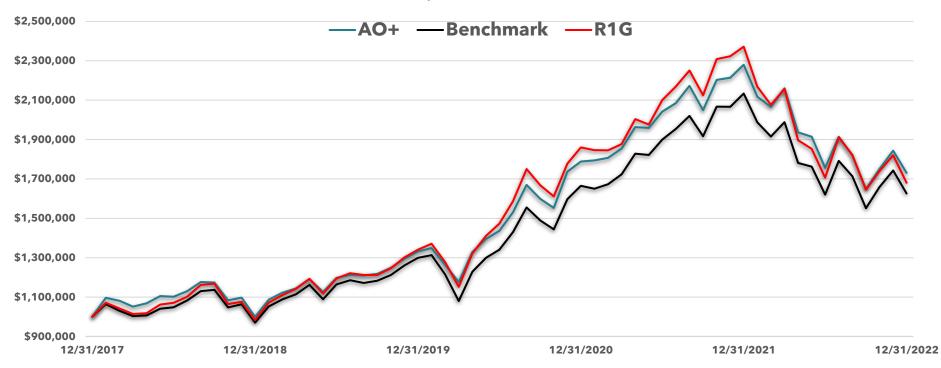
Year	Portfolio	Benchmark	Russell1000 Growth	Excess wrt Bench	Excess wrt R1G
2018	0.50%	-3.45%	-2.54%	3.95%	3.04%
2019	32.24%	33.94%	36.39%	-1.70%	-4.15%
2020	34.10%	28.44%	38.49%	5.66%	-4.39%
2021	27.49%	28.14%	27.59%	-0.65%	-0.10%
2022	-24.08%	-23.62%	-29.14%	-0.46%	5.06%

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# **ASSET GROWTH**

### **Growth of a \$1Million Investment**



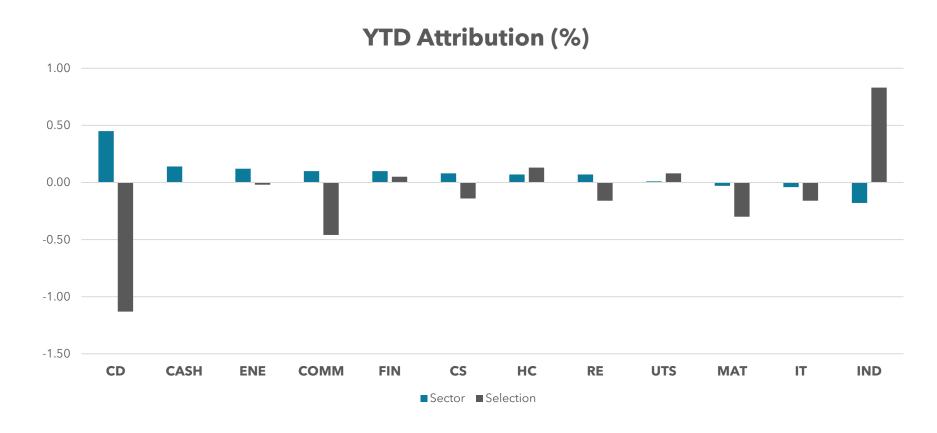
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### WHY LHC ABSOLUTE OPPORTUNITY+?

**Experienced Investment Team** 

Track Record of Above Benchmark Performance

Time-Tested Integrated Research Approach

Top and Bottom-Up Portfolio Construction

Risk Management Focused on Principal Protection

**Low Turnover** 

Partner Philosophy with Clients

**Competitive Fees** 

### The LHC Advantage

Our team leverages many years of experience in investment research, risk management and portfolio trading under a variety of equity market environments







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