# Focus Growth

As of December 31, 2020

# **Focus Growth Profile**

| Inception Date:   | February 23, 2018         |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Assets:           | \$759.9 million           |
| Holdings:         | 25-30                     |
| Benchmark:        | Russell 1000 Growth Index |
| Vehicles Offered: | Separate Account          |
|                   |                           |

# Signatory of:



## **Portfolio Managers**





21 Yrs\*

#### Owen Fitzpatrick, CFA 34 Yrs\*

Thomas Brendan Hynes, CFA O'Neill, CFA 25 Yrs\*

\*Industry Experience

**Investment Information** 

#### **Strategy Description**

- Fundamental, bottom-up analysis with an emphasis on secular themes, product cycles and cyclical trends
- Overlay risk controls seeking to maximize the impact of stock selection
- Select companies we believe are positioned to benefit from longer-term shifts in spending across various industries and geographies
- Objective is to achieve consistent risk-adjusted returns that exceed the benchmark over a full market cycle (three to five years)

#### All portfolio holdings must meet the following three criteria:

#### **Investment Pillars**

We buy companies that we believe are primed to benefit from strong product cycles, positive secular themes or cyclical trends, all of which are continually reviewed and updated by the investment team.

In-depth company-specific research is conducted by the analysts to identify what we believe to be high quality large-cap companies that could benefit from the three investment pillars.

## **Attractive Valuation**

Our fundamental, bottom-up analysis seeks to identify companies with attractive valuations relative to historical averages or companies positioned for multiple expansion.

The analysts come up with a target price based on the company's growth outlook and capital structure using appropriate valuation metrics relative to peers and the business cycle.

#### Strict Risk Control

Portfolios are constructed with a strict risk control methodology and with adherence to a stringent buy/sell discipline.

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The strategy's research analysts are expected to have a deep understanding of the companies owned in the portfolio including any associated risks. Portfolio risks are monitored in a number of ways including tracking sector and industry weights.

### Performance

| Trailing (%)                   | QTD   | YTD   | 1Yr   | Since<br>Inception <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Focus Growth Composite (Gross) | 10.53 | 41.80 | 41.80 | 22.41                           |
| Focus Growth Composite (Net)   | 10.51 | 41.70 | 41.70 | 21.98                           |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index      | 11.39 | 38.49 | 38.49 | 22.60                           |

<sup>1</sup>The Aristotle Focus Growth Composite has an inception date of March 1, 2018.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results for periods greater than one year have been annualized. Returns are preliminary pending final account reconciliation. Returns are presented gross and net of investment advisory fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Please see important disclosures at the end of this document.

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# Largest Holdings (%)

| Microsoft            | 9.8  |   |
|----------------------|------|---|
| Amazon               | 8.4  | 8 |
| Visa                 | 5.9  | 7 |
| Adobe                | 5.3  | 6 |
| Global Payments      | 4.6  | 5 |
| Alphabet             | 4.5  | 4 |
| Nvidia               | 4.1  | 3 |
| AMETEK               | 4.0  | 2 |
| NXP Semiconductors   | 3.7  | 1 |
| Ameriprise Financial | 3.4  |   |
| Total                | 53.7 |   |
|                      |      |   |

# Market Cap Breakdown (%)



#### Russell 1000 Focus Sector Weights (%) Characteristics Growth Growth Index Focus Growth 45.1 Russell 1000 Growth Index Number of Holdings 29 453 50 45 Active Share (%) 66.9 ---40 Wtd. Avg. Market Cap (\$B) 480.0 722.4 35 Price/Earnings (TTM) 35.9x 35.2x 30 25 Price/Book Value 8.2x 9.5x 17.2 20 16.8 Forward EPS Growth (5 Yrs, %) 14 2 16.9 17.4 13.6 15 110 79 Return on Equity (1 Yr, %) 14.1 27.6 10 6.1 4.6 2.8 1.6 3.0 3.4 <sup>2.5</sup> 0.8 5 1.9 Debt/Equity (TTM) 1.1 1.4 0.0 0.1 0.0 0.0 0 Comm Cons Cons Fin'l Health Indus Info Mat'l Real Utilities Energy Svcs Disc Staples Care Tech Estate

Sources: SS&C Advent, FactSet, Russell Investments, eVestment

The Largest Holdings figures shown are based on the model portfolio. The Market Cap Breakdown and Portfolio Characteristics figures shown are based on a representative account. The Sector Weights figures shown are based on the equity composition of the representative portfolio within the Aristotle Focus Growth Composite (the Composite) and excludes cash. The representative account was chosen since, in our view, it is the account within the Composite that most closely reflects the portfolio management style of the strategy. Not every client's account will have these exact characteristics. The actual characteristics with respect to any particular client account will vary based on a number of factors, including but not limited to: (i) the size of the account; (ii) investment restrictions applicable to the account, if any; and (iii) market exigencies at the time of investment. You should not assume that any of the securities transactions, sectors or holdings discussed in this report are or will be profitable or that recommendations Aristotle Atlantic Partners, LLC (Aristotle Atlantic) makes in the future will be profitable or equal the performance of the securities listed in this report. There is no assurance that any securities, sectors or industries discussed herein will be included in or excluded from an account's portfolio. Aristotle Atlantic reserves the right to modify its current investment strategies and techniques based on changing market dynamics or client needs. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell a

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