

# **Boston Partners Long/Short Equity**



## **INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Long-term growth of capital with reduced exposure to general equity market risk.

#### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Bottom-up security selection that establishes an all-cap diversified long portfolio primarily targeting U.S. company stocks possessing attractive valuations, strong fundamentals, and positive business momentum, as well as a diversified short portfolio of companies that do not possess these characteristics.

#### **KEY STATS**

Investment style	Long/Short
Benchmark	S&P 500
Total strategy assets	\$146 M
Long holdings	118
Short holdings	84
Inception	8/1/1997

# RISK MEASURES

Beta	0.53
Alpha	6.15
Std. Deviation	11.46
Sharpe	0.60
Upside capture	61.74%
Downside capture	50.88%

CHARACTERISTICS	Long	Short
Wtd. avg. market cap	\$61.7 B	\$3.4B
Forward P/E	8.9x	21.7x
OROA (5 YR)	16.8%	-0.6%
Free cash flow yield	4.5%	-3.1%

Data shown is for the representative account. Risk statistics are calculated using composite data and reflect the most recent three-year period.

SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%)	≪ SHORT	LONG ►	NET	BENCHMARK
Financials	-1.4	21.	.2 19.8	14.7
Information technology	-4.5	18.7	14.2	29.5
Health care	-1.9	12.7	10.8	11.2
Industrials	-2.2	10.0	7.8	8.8
Consumer discretionary	-4.1	10.0	5.8	10.2
Energy	-0.2	4.0	3.8	3.7
Communication services	-1.1	4.8	3.7	9.2
Consumer staples	-1.8	5.1	3.3	6.1
Real estate	0.0	3.1	3.1	2.3
Materials	-1.3	3.8	2.6	1.9
Utilities	0.0	0.6	0.6	2.5
Total	-18.5	94.0	75.4	-

Cash and net other investments are excluded. Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%. GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector classification is used. All product characteristics and sector weighting are calculated using a representative account.

## **LARGEST HOLDINGS SHORT (%)**

Radius Recycling, Inc. Class A	-0.6
Driven Brands Holdings, Inc.	-0.6
Warby Parker, Inc. Class A	-0.5
NextNav Inc.	-0.5
Credit Acceptance Corporation	-0.5

## **LARGEST HOLDINGS LONG (%)**

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited	2.1
InterDigital, Inc.	2.0
BGC Group, Inc. Class A	2.0
TeamViewer SE	1.9
Alphabet Inc. Class A	1.9

Holdings represent 12.6% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

# A time-tested approach to investing

# We buy stocks that exhibit:

- Attractive value characteristics
- Strong business fundamentals
- Positive business momentum

# We sell stocks based on:

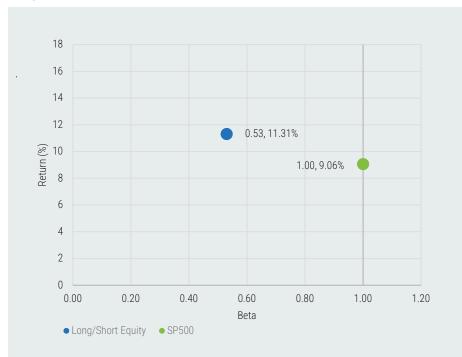
- Valuation: appreciation to price target
- Weakening business fundamentals
- Reversal of momentum

In our experience, portfolios with all three characteristics tend to outperform over time.



### **RETURN VERSUS MARKET EXPOSURE**

Three-year annualized return versus beta



#### **ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (%)**

	Q1	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Since inception
Long/Short Equity Gross of Fees	3.04	3.04	11.76	12.69	18.82	10.02	12.38
Long/Short Equity Net of Fees	2.72	2.72	10.56	11.31	17.47	8.81	10.15
S&P 500 Index	-4.27	-4.27	8.25	9.06	18.59	12.50	8.58

Performance for periods less than one year is cumulative. Composite returns are asset weighted. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE AND DISPERSION

	Total returns (%)			3 YR standard dev. (%)					
	Composite gross of fees	Composite net of fees	Benchmark	Composite	Benchmark	# of accounts	Dispersion (%)	Total assets (\$M)	Firm assets (\$M)
2024	14.62	13.10	25.02	12.03	17.15	2	n/a	139	104,655
2023	16.06	14.32	26.29	15.86	17.29	2	n/a	178	94,056
2022	8.47	7.45	-18.11	17.89	20.87	2	n/a	179	88,117
2021	35.18	33.92	28.71	16.63	17.17	2	n/a	169	96,320
2020	-4.03	-4.94	18.40	12.81	18.53	2	n/a	169	77,120
2019	11.75	10.70	31.49	9.53	11.93	2	n/a	311	89,368
2018	-13.34	-14.22	-4.38	9.81	10.80	2	n/a	515	81,550
2017	5.41	4.30	21.83	9.09	9.92	2	n/a	1,100	99,241
2016	25.71	24.03	11.96	9.68	10.77	2	n/a	1,100	87,222
2015	1.15	0.17	1.38	8.41	10.47	2	n/a	687	78,363

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Performance is calculated in USD. The measurement of composite dispersion is calculated by the weighted average standard deviation of the annual gross-of-fee returns within the composite. Dispersion in composites with less than five accounts included for the entire year is not considered meaningful and is denoted with "n/a."

Account composition is subject to change and information contained in this publication may not be representative of the current account

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## Annual fee schedule

Investment advisory fees, which are more fully described in Boston Partners' Form ADV, Part 2, are: 100 basis points on total assets under management; plus 20% profit participation.

The strategy's benchmark is the **S&P 500 Index**, which tracks the performance of the 500 largest companies traded in the United States. The benchmark is provided to show how the composite's returns compare to a broad-based index of securities; index performance does not reflect costs, fees, or other expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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#### **Definitions**

Alpha measures the excess risk-adjusted return of a portfolio relative to a benchmark index. **Beta** is a measure of a portfolio's market risk relative to its benchmark. In general, a beta higher than 1.00 indicates a more volatile portfolio and beta lower than 1.00 indicates a less volatile portfolio in relation to its benchmark. **Downside capture** measures a portfolio's performance in down markets relative to the index. A value below 100 indicates that a fund has outperformed in down markets. Free cash flow (FCF) **yield** is calculated by dividing a company's free cash flow by its market capitalization. In general, higher FCF yields indicate greater financial health. FCF Yield is reported as median excluding financials of the underlying securities. **OROA** (operating return on operating assets) measures how much operating income a company generates per dollar invested in assets that are used specifically to facilitate its day-to-day operations. The figures shown are for the trailing five years. **Price/earnings (P/E) ratio** measures a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings. Forward P/E uses a company's forecasted earnings for the next year. Sharpe ratio measures a portfolio's total return per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the better the portfolio's historical riskadjusted performance. Standard deviation is commonly used to gauge a portfolio's level of risk, and measures the average amount by which a set of data varies from its mean value. **Upside capture** measure a portfolio's performance in up markets relative to an index. A value over 100 indicates that a fund has outperformed the benchmark during periods of positive returns for the benchmark.

