



Long/Short Growth Equity

Investment Approach

Seeks to generate attractive long term absolute positive returns regardless of market direction.

- Since inception of short exposure (6/1/2012), the strategy has generated 4.99% of annualized gross alpha (3.67% net) versus the S&P 500. Long positions generated 2.58% of gross alpha (1.90% net) during this period with the remaining incremental alpha coming from short positions.
- During this period the strategy generated 3.05% of annualized (gross) excess returns (1.49% net) versus a hypothetical S&P 500 50% Hedged Index.

Seek to capture long and short alpha insights in a hedged vehicle to deliver equity-like returns with below-market beta and volatility.

Long-term structural approach to investing with a concentrated portfolio and differentiated risk profile.

Facts

Strategy assets as of 1/31/24	\$304M
Strategy Inception	2/01/2012

Fee Schedule

Foundational Fee Class	0% management fees 10% incentive fee
Standard Fee Class	1% management fees 20% incentive fee

Portfolio Manager

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Demonstrated Ability to Add Value Through Concentrating Our Best Ideas and Shorting

- Individual short positions outperformed a broad market short (S&P 500) by 7.50% gross annualized (7.21% net), adding meaningful value to the overall strategy since shorts were initiated.
- In all down market days since additional short positions were initiated (4/7/2014), the strategy outperformed the S&P 500 by 31% gross annualized (30% net).
- Since inception, the strategy achieved a very differentiated risk profile with factor risk (factors including momentum, beta) accounting for just 2.9% of the total risk of the strategy.

PERFORMANCE FROM 5/23/2012 - 1/31/2024

	Beta ¹	Volatility ²	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha gross/net	Sortino Ratio	Max Drawdown	Average Drawdown
Long/Short Growth Equity	0.38	10.05	0.91	4.99/3.67	1.88	16.55	3.40
S&P 500	1.00	14.38	0.90	0.00	1.58	23.87	5.38

RETURNS SINCE STRATEGY INCEPTION as of 1/31/2024

	YTD	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Since Initiation of Short Exposure 5/23/2012	Since Inception 2/1/2012
Long/Short Growth Equity (Gross)	-0.27	23.74	10.89	6.90	8.30	10.09	9.54
Long/Short Growth Equity (Net - Foundational)	-0.34	20.91	9.44	5.61	6.90	8.53	7.99
Long/Short Growth Equity (Net - Standard)	-0.44	18.91	8.34	4.50	5.62	7.09	6.55

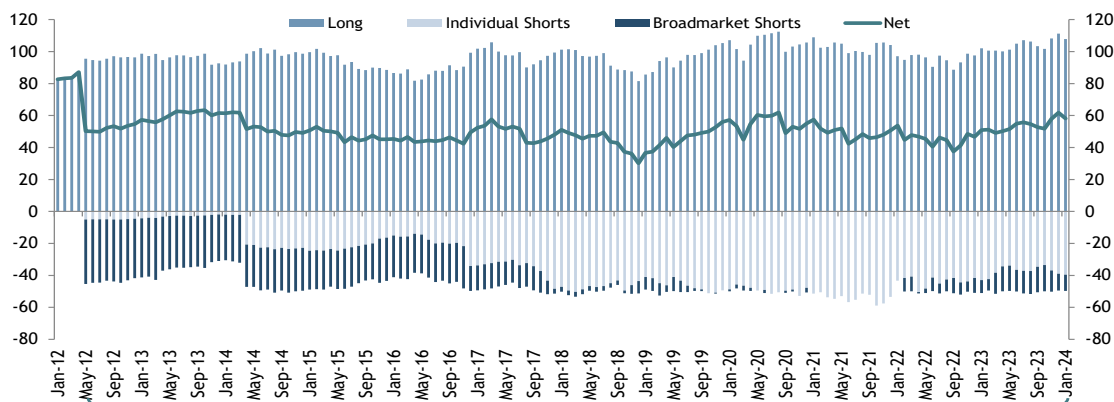
Initiation of short exposures was 5/23/2012, although no investor was offered the opportunity to invest as of such date. Additional short positions were initiated 4/4/2014 - 4/7/2014. Net return information for that period is based on a high water mark of an account that invested at inception (2/1/2012); use of a 5/23/2012 or 6/1/2012 high water mark would result in lower performance. All other statistics are based on a monthly data frequency starting with the first full month of performance that includes short exposure, June 2012. Although the Composite's investment strategy is no longer consistent with the strategy from inception through 5/23/12, information regarding the Composite's returns from inception is found above.

Exposure Since Strategy Inception

Data as of 1/31/2024.
Net alpha, of both long and shorts, is determined by the proportional (54% long/ 46% short and hedge positions) deduction of fees and expenses from the gross alpha of each.
Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of, and not necessarily indicative of, future results.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return.

Please see important disclosures at the end of this fact sheet for further information, including key investment risks on the Long/Short Growth Equity Strategy.



SINCE INITIATION OF SHORT EXPOSURE

Same Alpha Engine Drives Both Long and Short Idea Generation

Seeks to recognize mispricing of structurally attractive as well as deficient business models

Imbue value into the portfolio through positive and negative security selection.

	LONG VALUE CREATION	OPPORTUNISTIC SHORT	STRUCTURAL SHORT VALUE DESTRUCTION
QUALITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiated business models Sustainable competitive advantages High barriers to entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viable businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impaired business model Low/no differentiation No Moat
GROWTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secular growth drivers Sustainable, above-average growth Profitable growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth rate can vary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secular decline in growth Unprofitable growth
VALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low embedded expectations relative to long-term intrinsic value Margin of safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High embedded expectations relative to long-term intrinsic value Best case priced-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High embedded expectations relative to long-term intrinsic value

The information presented above is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is an example of how we might approach our analysis of different businesses but not all situations necessarily go through the same process.

Alpha Thesis: Our Tenets, Process, Proof Points as of 12/31/2023

5.10% Alpha (gross), 3.78% (net)[†] vs. S&P 500
Gross/Net Alpha from longs = 2.73%/2.02%

Gross/Net Alpha from shorts = 2.38%/1.76%

TENET	PROCESS	PROOF POINT
Long-term investor	Time arbitrage	Low turnover Longs: 11.2% Shorts: 22.5%
Deep understanding	7-step research framework	High-conviction portfolio: 40 names Longs: 24 Shorts: 16
Quality	Difficult-to-replicate business models	High active share: 91.0%*
Growth	Secular drivers; sustainable profitable growth	Growth Rate: 21.7%**
Valuation	Longs: low embedded expectations Shorts: high embedded expectations Margin of safety	Median downside market capture: 48.3% Shorts Premium to Intrinsic Value***: 41.6% Longs Discount to Intrinsic Value***: 43.1%
Absolute risk focus	Active risk management	Sortino Ratio (gross): 1.9
We believe active investment management and active risk management are integral to alpha generation		

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Alpha given for long-short strategy. Alpha calculated based on a monthly data frequency starting with the first full month of performance that includes short positions, June 2012. Initiation of short exposure was 5/23/2012, although no investor was offered the opportunity to invest as of such date. Additional short positions were initiated 4/4/2014 - 4/7/2014. Alpha is based on a high water mark of an account that invested at inception (2/1/2012); use of a 5/23/2012 or 6/1/2012 high water mark would result in lower alpha. Although the Composite investment strategy is no longer consistent with the strategy from inception through 5/23/12, information regarding the Composite's returns from inception is available later in the presentation book. Please see Ability to Add Value through Protection slide later in the presentation book for additional information.

*Active Share indicates the proportion of portfolio's holdings (by market value) that are different than the benchmark S&P 500. A higher active share indicates a larger difference between the benchmark and the portfolio. Figure shown is the Median Active Share % since strategy inception using monthly observations.

**Growth rate is our internal estimate of cash flow growth over the next five years of the entire long portion of the Loomis Sayles Long/Short Growth Equity strategy. Our estimates may differ from the estimates of other industry members. Growth rate does not imply any specific or positive return.

***Intrinsic value is what the investment team believes share prices should be based on discount cash flow (DCF) valuation models.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Exposure, Opportunity, Goals

Seek to capture long and short alpha insights in a hedged vehicle to deliver equity-like returns with below market beta and volatility

EXPOSURE	OPPORTUNITY	GOAL
100% LONG EXPOSURE Up to 25 Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structurally attractive Low embedded expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate long-term alpha
50% SHORT EXPOSURE Up to 25 Positions	<p>Individual Shorts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunistic: Structurally attractive; High embedded expectations Structural: Structurally deficient; High embedded expectations <p>Broad Market Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used periodically to maintain 50% net exposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate alpha Manage downside risk

Value Proposition

Persistence and consistency versus HFRI Equity HEDGE (Total) Index – Asset Weighted

Peer Comparison

Rolling Period as of 12/31/2023	POSITIVE EXCESS NET RETURN		NEGATIVE EXCESS NET RETURN	
	% of Periods with Positive Excess Net Return	Average Positive Excess Net Return	% of Periods with Negative Excess Net Return	Average Negative Excess Net Return
1 Year	67%	+770 bps	33%	-765 bps
3 Years (Annualized)	66%	+417 bps	34%	-332 bps
5 Years (Annualized)	68%	+380 bps	33%	-184 bps

As of 12/31/2023. Source: Loomis Sayles.

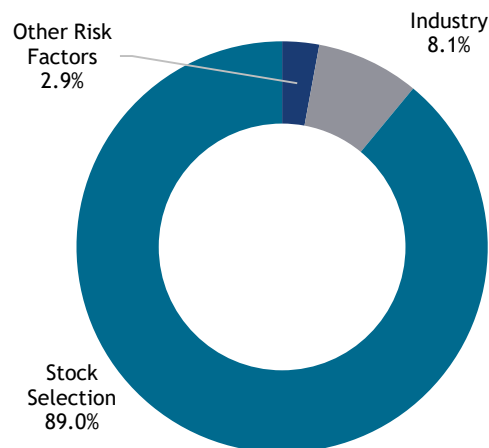
The HFRI Equity Hedge (total) Asset Weighted Composite Index is a global, asset-weighted index comprised of single-manager funds that report to HFR Database. It is comprised of Equity Hedge fund peers that are not considered Equity Market Neutral. This index is being shown for informational and reference purposes.

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Sources Of Risk (Since Inception)

As of 1/31/2024.

Pie chart based on absolute values of return impact. US Barra risk factors are comprised of Country, Growth Size, Non-linear Size, Dividend Yield, Book-to-Price, Earnings Yield, Beta, Residual Volatility, Non-linear Beta, Momentum, Leverage and Liquidity.



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End Notes

¹Holdings based, ex-ante statistics. Source: FactSet, Barra. Betas are calculated using the S&P 500.

²Holdings based, ex-ante statistics. Source: FactSet, Barra. Volatility (Standard Deviation): A measure of the average deviations of a return series from its mean; often used as a risk measure. A large standard deviation implies that there have been large swings or volatility in the manager's return series.

Important Disclosures

Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees. Standard net returns include the application of an effective management fee of 1% per year and an incentive fee of 20% on positive performance for the calendar year. Foundational net returns include the application of an effective management fee of 0% per year and an incentive fee of 10% on positive performance for the calendar year.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return.

Any investment that has the possibility for profits also has the possibility of losses, including the loss of principal

Commodity, interest and derivative trading involves substantial risk of loss.

Indices are unmanaged and do not incur fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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Key Investment Risks: Equity Risk, Short Sale Risk, Non-US Securities Risk, Non-Diversification Risk, Currency Risk, Derivatives Risk, Leverage Risk, Counterparty Risk

Statistics shown in the fact sheet that are based on monthly data frequencies are the following for the period since Composite inception (2/1/12) through 12/31/2023: Alpha 4.22, Realized Beta 0.41, Standard Deviation/Realized Volatility 10.43, Sharpe Ratio 0.82, Sortino Ratio 1.60, Down Market Beta 0.07, Up Market Capture 56.13, Down Market Capture 56.14, Max Drawdown 16.55, Average Drawdown 3.92.

The Composite includes all discretionary accounts managed by Loomis Sayles that are managed to generate long-term absolute positive returns regardless of market direction through selective global equity investing in a long-biased long-short portfolio. Shorting range 0-50% of the portfolios and is done opportunistically. The portfolios are concentrated with equities of companies of any market cap and will maintain long investments in 5-25 companies and short investments in 0-25 companies. Some of the accounts in this Composite may from time to time enter into total return swaps as a substitute for investment directly in individual equities, baskets of equities, exchange traded funds or equity indices. The Composite inception date is February 1, 2012. The Composite was created in 2013.

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