

## **Tradition ESG Focus**

- Equity portfolio focused on companies exhibiting excellence in environmental, social and governance criteria with attractive fundamentals and valuation opportunity
- Diversified portfolio seeks best in class opportunities across all economic sectors
- Rigorous analysis combines the Tradition research process with positive ESG criteria
- Tradition experience with management behavior and performance across a wide universe of investment opportunities
- Companies demonstrating excellence in governance, environmental practices and social behavior may deliver higher and sustainable financial performance
- Rigorous fundamental research incorporates both financial analysis and ESG criteria to assess growth and offers an increased probability of success.

### Tradition: A Specialist Boutique Firm

- People: Portfolio management team offers 250 years of collective investment experience (31 years on average)
- Philosophy: Active, value-oriented
- Process: Consistent, repeatable, and risk-management focused
- Performance: Highly-ranked among peers across key metrics; consistent strong risk-adjusted returns over longterm periods in core strategies
- Portfolio Construction: A solid "core" portfolio holding available in balanced, socially- responsible and tax-efficient mandates

## The Case for ESG Investing

# Additional Alpha\* | Lower Risk | Investor Incentive

- Overlap exists between companies with positive ESG scores, quality and attractive fundamentals
- Company disclosure reports on ESG metrics adds transparency to business fundamentals
- ESG scoring helps uncover both good and poor performers, potentially enhancing the sell decision
- Investment in companies "doing the right things" may not sacrifice returns.

\*Alpha is a risk (beta adjusted) measurement. Officially, alpha measures the difference between a portfolio actual returns and what it might be expected to deliver based on its level of risk. High risk generally means higher reward. A positive alpha means the fund has beaten expectations. A negative alpha means that the manager failed to match performance with risk. If two managers had the same return, but one had a lower beta, that manager would have a higher alpha.





## **Environmental, Social and Governance Excellence drives Sustainable Competitive Advantage**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Efficient use of resources drives manufacturing and service costs lower
- Energy efficiency in supply chain management and physical plant and equipment
- Safe operating practices reduce exposure to environmental risks, fines or lawsuits

### SOCIAL

- Favorable employee relations contributes to a more productive and engaged workforce
- Workforce diversity enables creative thinking and differing perspectives in management and staff
- Engagement with the community enhances customer perceptions

#### GOVERNANCE

- Independent and diverse board of directors allows for unbiased due diligence on capital allocation decisions and management practices
- Executive compensation metrics align with stakeholder interests
- Share structure treats all shareholders equally

Top Ten Holdings		Portfolio Characteristics (as of 9/30/19)		
JP Morgan Chase & Co.	4%		ESG Focus	S&P 500
Waste Management	4%			
The TJX Cos.	3%	Dividend Yield	2.1%	1.9%
Alphabet Inc. Class C	3%	Price/Earnings Ratio	16.1x	19.5x
PNC Financial	3%		10117	19137
Citigroup	3%	ROE-Bloomberg Estimate	28.3%	18.70%
International Flavors & Fragrances	3%	Avg. Mkt. Cap (\$Billion)	\$156.7	\$254.2
Aqua America Inc.	3%	3-year Earnings Growth	14.1%	11.6%
Thermo Fisher Scientific	3%	, ,		
CVS Health Corp.	3%	Number of Stocks	39	500

#### **The Tradition Client Experience**

- A long-term track record of outperformance relative to benchmark indices and peers
- Consistently high risk-adjusted returns
- Investors have benefitted from:
  - a repeatable and sustainable research-driven investment process
  - protection during volatile bear market cycles

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