

# U.S. Sector

**Q2 2020**

# WestEnd Advisors Overview

## **FIRM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Employee-Owned Asset Management Firm
- Experienced Investment Team Focused on Macro-Based Process
- Investment Strategies for Brokerage Firms and Institutions
- Managing ETF-Only Strategies since 2005
- Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina

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The cornerstone of our investment process is that the macroeconomic environment is a key driver of financial market returns.

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## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

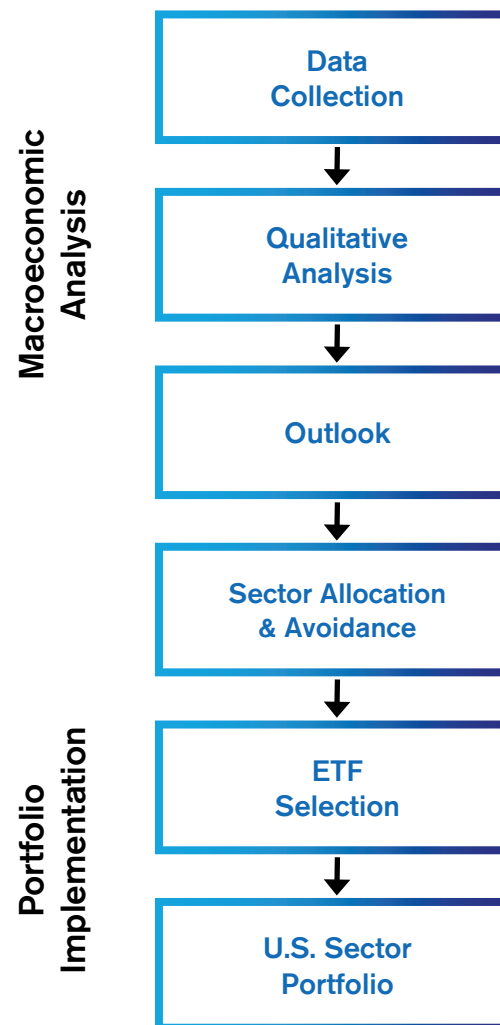
- Diversified ETFs from Leading U.S. Providers
- Long Only
- Macro-Based Process
- Sector Emphasis
- Typically 4 to 6 Holdings
- No Leverage, Derivatives, or Options
- Inception January 2013

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WestEnd Advisors believes that investments in S&P 500 sectors in their economic time will outperform the broad market.

# U.S. Sector Investment Process

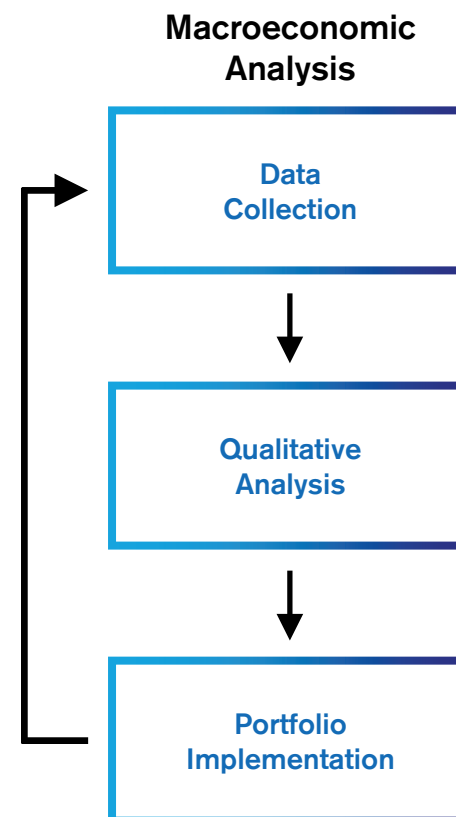
- WestEnd Advisors conducts in-depth analysis of the macroeconomic environment to anticipate areas of strength and weakness in the economy and U.S. equity markets.
- Client portfolios are allocated to the large-cap sectors that we believe will benefit from economic tailwinds, while sectors facing headwinds are avoided.
- WestEnd Advisors then selects ETFs from leading U.S. providers to invest in favored sectors of the U.S. equity market.



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# Macroeconomic Analysis

- WestEnd Advisors' proprietary research process begins with the collection of a broad set of publicly available macroeconomic measures. WestEnd aggregates this information in a database of over 200 domestic and international economic readings.
- The investment team determines which economic data is most important given the current economic environment, and then examines that data in a broader context to develop our economic and market outlook.
- WestEnd Advisors uses this qualitative process and our experience analyzing economic trends to build portfolios that capitalize on opportunities in the financial markets.

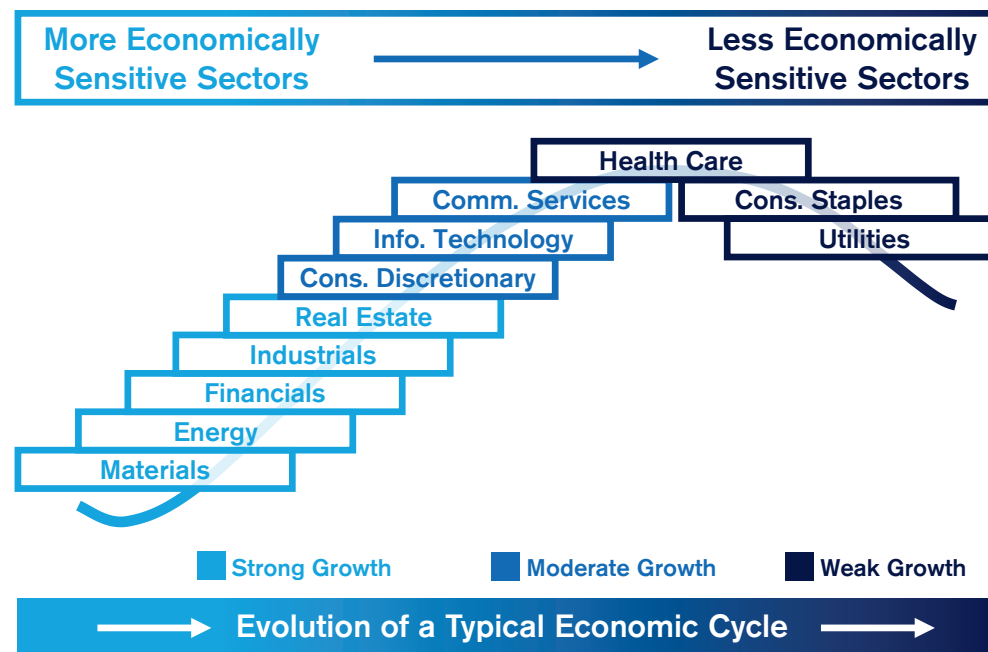


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WestEnd Advisors conducts in-depth analysis of the macroeconomic environment to anticipate areas of strength and weakness in the financial markets and invests accordingly.

# Sector Allocation

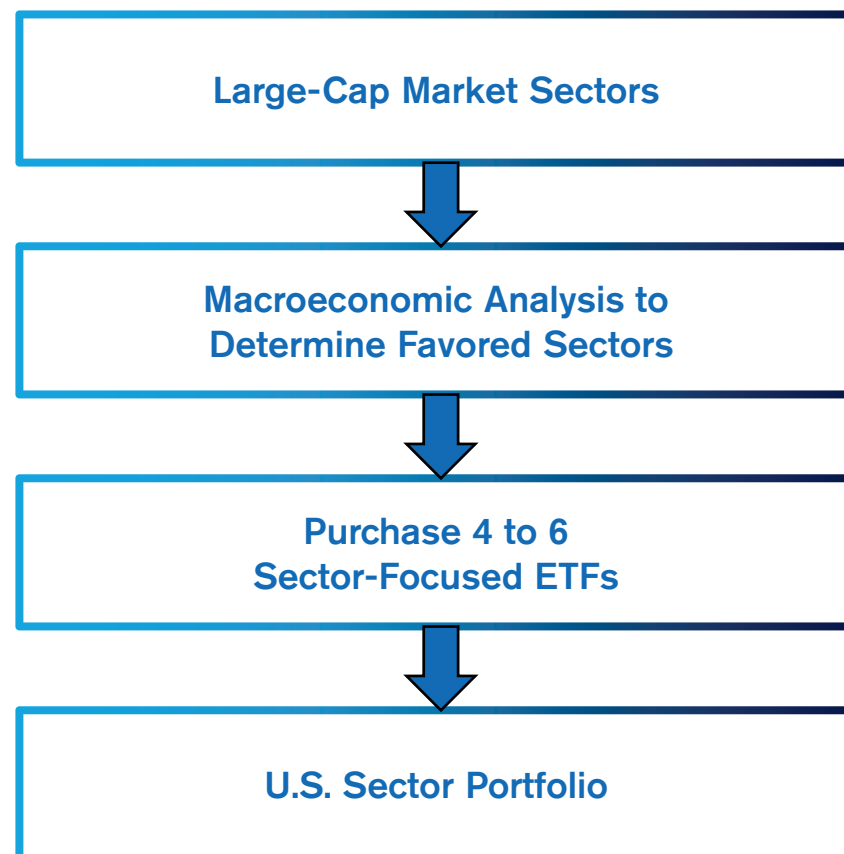
- The path of economic growth is a key driver of S&P 500 sector performance.
- The investment team analyzes recurring cyclical trends and identifies the characteristics particular to the current economic cycle.
- WestEnd actively positions client portfolios in more economically sensitive sectors when it expects strong growth, and transitions to less economically sensitive sectors as growth expectations wane.
- Portfolios are typically invested in four to six sectors at any one time based on our macroeconomic outlook, but may be invested in more or fewer sectors as conditions warrant.



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## ETF Selection

- Investment universe consists of ETFs that represent the eleven market sectors.
- WestEnd invests in low-cost, sector or industry-focused ETFs from long-standing ETF providers that:
  - Offer diversified exposure to a particular sector or industry
  - Consist of a basket of well-known, large-cap stocks in each sector
- WestEnd determines favored sectors based on its macroeconomic analysis and then purchases approximately four to six sector-focused ETFs for client portfolios.



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Sector-focused ETFs offer WestEnd Advisors a diversified vehicle to capitalize on its macroeconomic outlook.

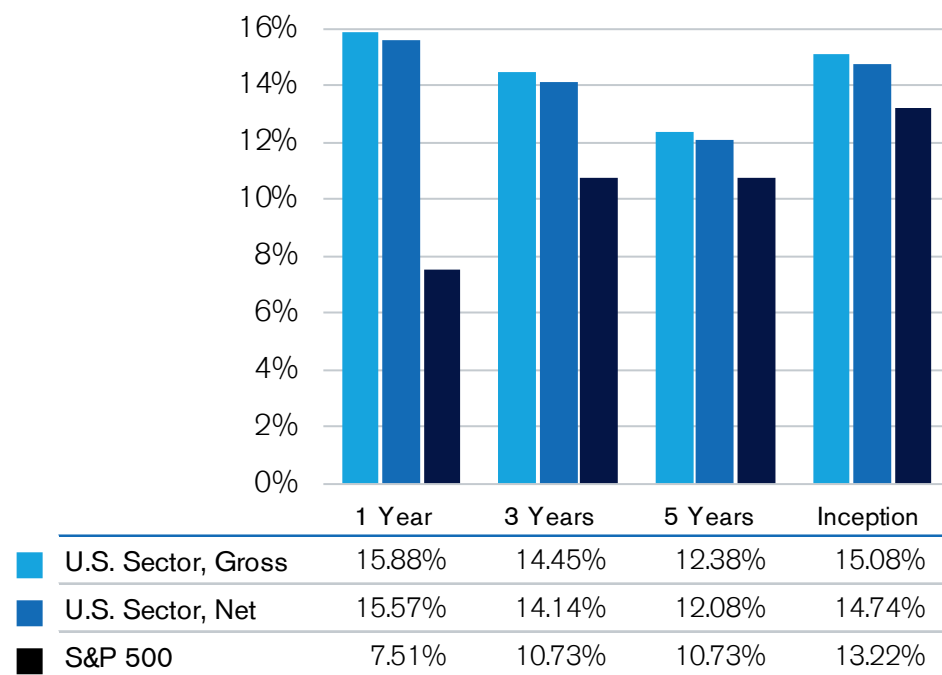
# Historical Performance\*

Inception 1/2013

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE\*

### U.S. Sector

Returns as of June 30, 2020

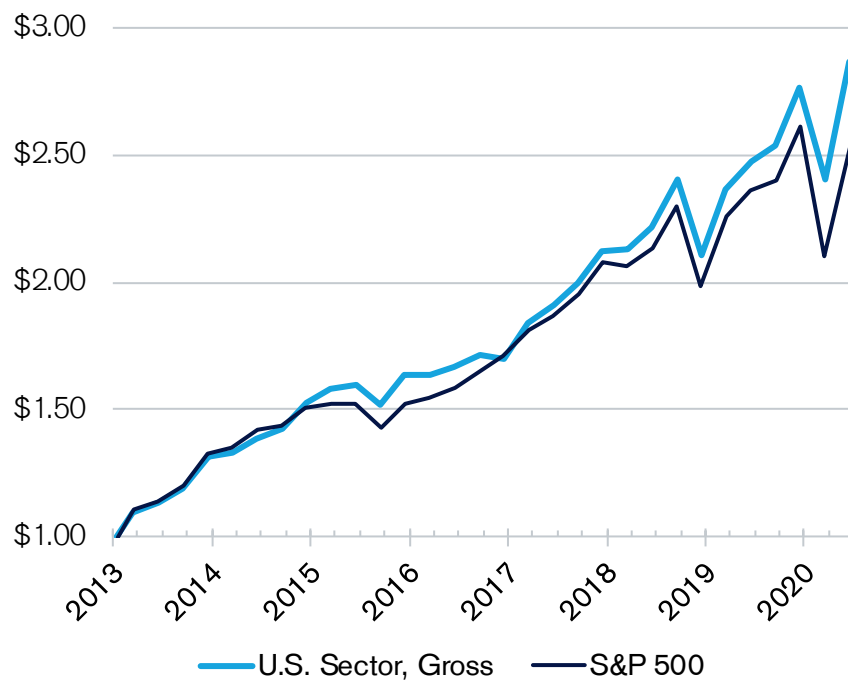


Source: IDC, WestEnd Advisors

## LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE\*\*

### Growth of a Dollar Since Inception

U.S. Sector Composite Gross vs. S&P 500 Index



Source: IDC, WestEnd Advisors

\* Based on U.S. Sector composite. Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. See Performance Notes and Footnotes and Disclosures on pages 13-15.

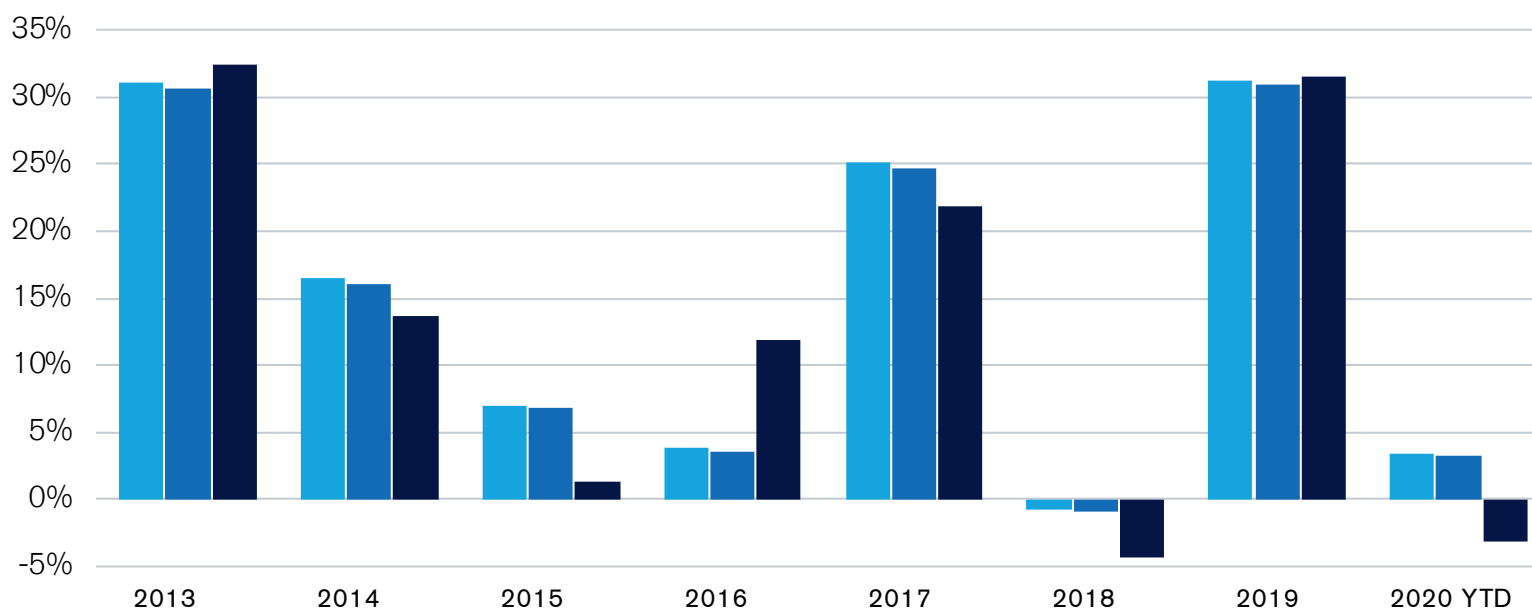
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# Annual Performance\*

## U.S. Sector\*

Annual Returns as of June 30, 2020



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
■ U.S. Sector, Gross	31.16%	16.45%	7.06%	3.88%	25.08%	-0.69%	31.29%	3.45%
■ U.S. Sector, Net	30.62%	16.13%	6.77%	3.59%	24.73%	-0.96%	30.94%	3.31%
■ S&P 500	32.39%	13.69%	1.38%	11.96%	21.83%	-4.38%	31.49%	-3.08%

Source: IDC, WestEnd Advisors

\* Based on U.S. Sector Composite. See Performance Notes and Footnotes and Disclosures on pages 13-15.

# Rolling Returns, Alpha & Risk Metrics\*

## SHORT-TERM VARIABILITY, LONG-TERM CONSISTENCY\*

### Rolling 1-Year Returns

Periods of Outperformance	18 out of 27 periods, or 67%
Average Annualized Outperformance	1.53 percentage points

### Rolling 3-Year Returns

Periods of Outperformance	13 out of 19 periods, or 68%
Average Annualized Outperformance	1.15 percentage points

### Rolling 5-Year Returns

Periods of Outperformance	11 out of 11 periods, or 100%
Average Annualized Outperformance	1.28 percentage points

Source: IDC, WestEnd Advisors

The U.S. Sector strategy seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation, while sector diversification and active allocations help mitigate volatility.

## RISK AND RETURN SUMMARY\*

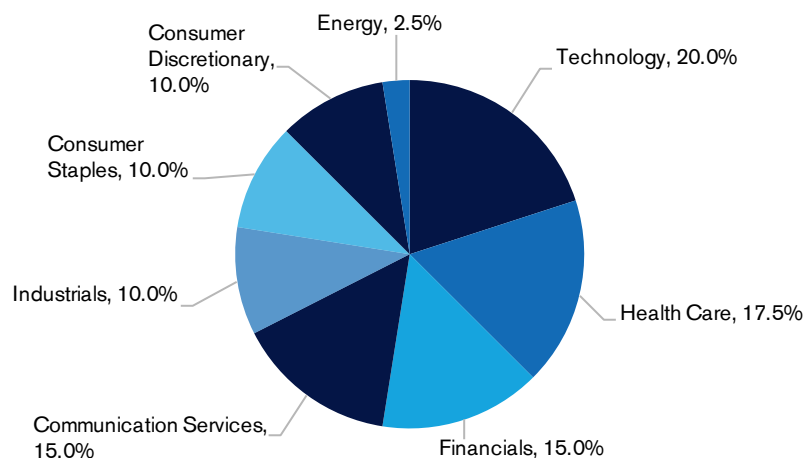
	Trailing 5 Years		Since Inception	
	U.S. Sector	S&P 500	U.S. Sector	S&P 500
Return	12.38%	10.73%	15.08%	13.22%
Standard Deviation	14.65%	16.83%	12.55%	14.40%
Alpha	3.50%	n/a	4.10%	n/a
Beta	0.81	1.00	0.82	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.77	0.57	1.14	0.87
R-Squared	95.5%	n/a	94.8%	n/a
Tracking Error	3.99%	n/a	3.59%	n/a
Upside Capture	94.7%	100.0%	100.3%	100.0%
Downside Capture	77.0%	100.0%	77.0%	100.0%

Source: IDC, WestEnd Advisors

\*Supplemental information is based on the U.S. Sector Composite gross-of-fees as of June 30, 2020. See Performance Notes and Footnotes and Disclosures on pages 13-15.

# Portfolio Snapshot\* (as of June 30, 2020)

## MODEL PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS



Source: Bloomberg, WestEnd Advisors

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	U.S. Sector	S&P 500
Price/Earnings (trailing)	20.0x	21.8x
Price/Book	3.2x	3.6x
Dividend Yield	1.9%	1.9%
Weighted Average Market Cap.	\$324.8B	\$388.3B

Source: Bloomberg, iShares, State Street, Vanguard, Dow Jones, WestEnd Advisors

## CURRENT HOLDINGS

### Communication Services

Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLC)

### Consumer Discretionary

Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLY)

### Consumer Staples

Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLP)

### Energy

Energy Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLE)

### Financials

Financial Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLF)

### Health Care

Health Care Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLV)

### Industrials

Industrial Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLI)

### Information Technology

Technology Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLK)

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

### Number of Holdings

Typically 4 to 6

### Maximum Sector Exposure

35% at cost

### Target Cash Position

2% to 5%

### Annual Turnover Range

2% to 47%\*\*

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\*\* Based on 5 years ended 12/31/19.

# Investment Team Biographies

## **NED DURDEN**

**Partner, Portfolio Manager**

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Ned Durden is a Partner at WestEnd Advisors and a Portfolio Manager for the firm's investment strategies. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, Ned conducts sector and security analysis along with macroeconomic research used to guide decisions across the firm's investment strategies. Ned entered the financial services industry in 1997 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2006. Before joining WestEnd, he was a founding member and Senior Analyst at Cambium Capital, a long/short equity hedge fund. Prior to that, Ned was a Director at the MONY Group, a diversified financial services firm. Ned is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received his B.A. degree. He also received his MBA from the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law (JD/MBA).

## **FRITZ PORTER, CFA**

**Partner, Chief Investment Officer,  
Portfolio Manager**

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Fritz Porter is a Partner at WestEnd Advisors, Chief Investment Officer, and a Portfolio Manager for the firm's investment strategies. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, Fritz leads the firm's research meetings and conducts macroeconomic, sector and security analysis. Fritz entered the financial services industry in 1999 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2008. Prior to joining WestEnd, he held asset management and investment banking positions at Wachovia Securities, U.S. Trust, and State Street Global Advisors. Fritz holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He is a graduate of Davidson College, where he received his B.A. degree, and he earned his MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

## **TY PEEBLES, CFA, CPA**

**Partner, Portfolio Manager**

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Ty Peebles is a Partner at WestEnd Advisors and a Portfolio Manager for the firm's Large-Cap Core Equity strategy. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, Ty conducts macro analysis on the U.S. and overseas economies as well as security research to support the management of all the firm's investment strategies. Ty entered the financial services industry in 2010 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2014. Prior to joining WestEnd, he worked at Global Endowment Management, an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) to endowments and foundations. Before that, he worked as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with Ernst & Young LLP. Ty holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his B.A. in Economics, and he earned his Master of Accounting degree from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

## Investment Team Biographies (cont.)

### **JACOB BUCHANAN**

#### **Investment Analyst**

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Jacob Buchanan is an Investment Analyst and conducts research and analysis to support the management of the firm's investment strategies. Jacob entered the financial services industry in 2016 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2018. Prior to joining WestEnd, he worked at Credit Suisse supporting the CFO of the firm's securitized products division where he was responsible for internal financial analysis and forecasting. Prior to that role, he served as an analyst supporting Credit Suisse's Global Markets trading division, conducting expense and cost savings analysis. Jacob is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his B.A. in Economics, and studied Statistics and Operations Research.

### **ROGER REGELBRUGGE, JR.**

#### **Investment Analyst**

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Roger Regelbrugge is an Investment Analyst and conducts research and analysis to support the management of the firm's investment strategies. Roger entered the financial services industry in 2014 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2019. Prior to joining WestEnd, he worked as a credit risk analyst with UBS AG, where he was responsible for assessing hedge fund counterparty risk across a range of trading strategies and products. Prior to that role, he served as an equity research analyst for Avondale Partners, a boutique investment bank headquartered in Nashville, TN. Roger holds the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) and Chartered Market Technician (CMT) designations, and is a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, TN, where he received his B.B.A. in Economics.

# Performance Notes

## U.S. SECTOR COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE

December 31, 2012 Through December 31, 2019

Year	Composite Returns Gross-of-Fees	Composite Returns Net-of-Fees	S&P 500 Returns	Composite 3-YR Std. Dev.*	S&P 500 3-YR Std. Dev.*	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion (Std. Dev.)	Composite Assets (\$MM)	Percentage of Firm Assets	Total Strategy Assets** (\$MM)
2013	31.16%	30.62%	32.39%	N/A	N/A	≤ 5	N/A	0.36	0.01%	\$0.36
2014	16.45%	16.13%	13.69%	N/A	N/A	7	0.05%	0.57	0.03%	\$0.57
2015	7.06%	6.77%	1.38%	10.61%	10.47%	7	0.05%	0.61	0.03%	\$5.23
2016	3.88%	3.59%	11.96%	10.90%	10.59%	9	0.11%	0.65	0.07%	\$25.05
2017	25.08%	24.73%	21.83%	10.07%	9.92%	9	0.11%	0.73	0.09%	\$74.67
2018	-0.69%	-0.96%	-4.38%	10.83%	10.80%	9	0.08%	0.72	0.12%	\$140.99
2019	31.29%	30.94%	31.49%	11.30%	11.93%	10	0.07%	1.00	0.12%	\$367.24

\* The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented prior to December 31, 2015 because 36 months of composite performance is not available prior to this date.

\*\* Total Strategy Assets is supplemental information to the compliant presentation and includes assets under advisement.

See the following pages for important Footnotes and Disclosures.

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The performance shown is based on WestEnd Advisors' U.S. Sector Composite which includes all fully discretionary accounts invested in the U.S. Sector model except for Wrap-Fee (Wrap) and Unified Managed Account (UMA) accounts. While the accounts in the U.S. Sector Composite are invested according to the same model as Wrap and UMA accounts, performance may differ between the U.S. Sector Composite and Wrap and UMA accounts due to a variety of factors, including but not limited to: fees assessed by Wrap and UMA sponsors (e.g. wrap fees), Wrap and UMA sponsor- and client-imposed investment restrictions, and WestEnd Advisors' lack of trading discretion over UMA accounts.

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The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation of the asset-weighted portfolio returns included in the composite for the full year. Dispersion is calculated based on gross returns and is not shown when there are five or fewer portfolios, as the calculation is not statistically meaningful.

Assets Under Advisement includes assets in Unified Managed Account (UMA) programs for which WestEnd provides Model Portfolios but has no discretion to effect trades, and no supervisory responsibility over the assets in the program.

A complete list and description of all WestEnd Advisors' composites, as well as a presentation that complies with the requirements of the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®), is available upon request by phone (888-500-9025) or email ([info@westendadvisors.com](mailto:info@westendadvisors.com)). Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations is available upon request.

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Holdings, Sector Weightings, and Portfolio Characteristics were current as of the date specified in this presentation. The listing of particular securities should not be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell these securities. While these securities were among WestEnd Advisors' U.S. Sector holdings at the time this material was assembled, holdings will change over time. There can be no assurance that the securities remain in the portfolio or that other securities have not been purchased. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities presently in the portfolio. Individual clients' portfolios may vary. Upon request, WestEnd Advisors will provide a list of all recommendations for the prior year.

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