# Lazard US Equity Sel TM by PPA (PPM-R)

Style: US Large Cap Value GIMA Status: Approved Program Inception: 12/05/2024 Strategy Minimum: \$100,000

### Strategy Overview

Lazard US Equity Select is an actively managed US equity portfolio, seeking to outperform the S&P 500 Index over a full market cycle. The strategy seeks to invest in attractively valued companies with strong and/or improving financial productivity (e.g., cash flow return on investment, return on equity, return on assets, free cash flow). It typically invests in 50 to 55 securities, with an official range of 35 to 55 securities with market capitalizations generally over \$5 billion. Parametric implements the active equity SMA model strategy by providing tax overlay and customization services. Parametric's objectives are to obtain close to the same pretax return as the model SMA and outperform on an after-tax basis. The strategy may utilize an extended universe of securities for tax management and risk control purposes.

### Target Portfolio Characteristics

Description	Value
Number of security holdings:	50 to 55
P/E ratio:	Above the S&P 500
Cash level over market cycle:	0 to 10%
Risk (standard deviation):	Above the S&P 500
Average turnover rate:	0 to 22%
Use ADRs:	_
Capitalization:	Mega, Large and Medium companies
Eligible Investments:	_

### Portfolio Manager Details

Manager Name	Term
Thomas Lee	January 1994 - Present
Thomas Seto	January 1998 - Present
Jared Gray	January 2000 - Present
Jennifer Mihara	January 2005 - Present
Paul Bouchey	January 2006 - Present
Jeremy Milleson	January 2012 - Present
Jennifer Sireklove	January 2013 - Present
Brian Herscovici	January 2022 - Present

### Manager's Investment Process

- Idea Sourcing: Fundamental research conducted by US team of 28 investors, and supported by global sector specialists; Universe: US equities < than \$5bn mkt cap, ~1,000 companies // Focused on Compounders (top 3 deciles of financial productivity globally by CFROI), ~500 // For Improvers, our research shows ~ 1/3 improve. Within this universe, we review ~ 300 ideas, with 20-30 seriously considered.
- Fundamental Research: Long focused on the relationship between a company's financial productivity and its valuation. Process helps assess whether a company qualifies as one of our alpha sources, Compounders or Improvers.
- Portfolio Construction: Purchases Identified as Compounder or Improver, Valuation does not reflect future return expectations, Scenario analysis influences position size // Position Sizes: Companies with a narrower range of scenarios tend to have larger positions sizes, Also guided by Relative Value Investing, Alpha source characteristics are the reason Compounders are a majority of the strategy // Sells: No longer considered a Compounder or Improver, Valuation reflects future return expectations, New ideas more attractive
- Parametric receives the model and may receive an extended universe holdings from active equity manager. Parametric implements the strategy in a tax managed way, allowing for a small amount of tracking error in order to seek to enhance the after-tax return. Parametric may slightly deviate from model holdings and/or include securities in the extended universe (as loss harvest replacements) in order to enhance the after-tax return. These activities generally result in less gain realization and greater losses harvested than the SMA by itself.

<sup>1</sup> For more information on Portfolio Managers, please refer to this manager's Form ADV www.morganstanley.com/wealth-investmentsolutions/advbrochures.

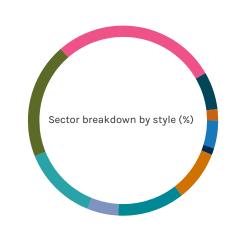
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### Portfolio Statistics

	06/2	06/24		
	Parametric	Index***	Parametric	
Number of security holdings	54	846	56	
Dividend Yield	1.3%	2.1%	1.4%	
Distribution Rate	_	_	_	
Wtd avg P/E ratio <sup>1</sup>	27.32x	18.20x	23.99x	
Wtd avg portfolio beta	0.93	_	0.94	
Mega capitalization +	82.2%	45.0%	74.3%	
Large capitalization +	17.3%	45.4%	25.0%	
Medium capitalization +	0.5%	9.3%	0.6%	
Small capitalization +	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	
Micro capitalization +	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

## Portfolio's Equity Sector Weightings +



### Portfolio's Allocation History (%) +

	06/24	03/24	12/23	09/23
U.S. Stocks	97	98	97	0
Cash/Cash Equivalents	3	2	3	0

## Portfolio's Top Five Security Holdings

Product Name	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corporation	10.5
Amazon.com, Inc.	7.8
Alphabet Inc. Class A	6.4
Apple Inc.	4.7
Bank of America Corp	3.1

	06/24		12/23	
Sector Breakdown	Parametric	Index***	Parametric	
■ Energy	4.84	8.01	5.59	
■ Materials	1.06	4.66	1.07	
■ Industrials	8.54	14.25	8.48	
Consumer Discretionary	11.26	4.74	12.39	
Consumer Staples	5.38	7.95	6.64	
Health Care	12.83	13.91	14.81	
■ Financials	19.65	22.87	20.37	
Information Technology	28.01	9.53	19.88	
Communication Services	6.37	4.49	8.51	
■ Utilities	0.00	4.98	0.00	
Real Estate/REITs	2.06	4.60	2.26	

06/24

12/22

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The P/E used here is calculated by the harmonic mean.

<sup>\*</sup>Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Index: Russell 1000 VI

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#### 90-Day T-Bills

The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interested earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

#### Russell 1000 VI

The Russell 1000 Value Index is representative of the U.S. market for large capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth.

#### S&P 500

The S&P 500 Total Return has been widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market since the index was first published in 1957. The index has over \$5.58 trillion benchmarked, with index assets comprising approximately \$1.31 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% coverage of U.S. equities. This index includes dividend reinvestment.

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#### **Glossary Of Terms**

**Alpha** is a mathematical estimate of risk-adjusted return expected from a portfolio above and beyond the benchmark return at any point in time.

American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation held in the vault of a U.S. bank.

Average Portfolio Beta is a measure of the sensitivity of a benchmark or portfolio's rates of return to changes against a market return. The market return is the S&P 500 Index. It is the coefficient measuring a stock or a portfolio's relative volatility.

**Beta** is a measure of the sensitivity of a portfolio's rates of return to changes in the market return. It is the coefficient measuring a stock or a portfolio's relative volatility.

**Bond Discount** is the amount by which the market price of a bond is lower than its principal amount due at maturity.

**Bottom-Up Stock Selection** Emphasis primarily on individual stock selection. Considerations of economic and industry factors are of secondary importance in the investment decision-making process.

**Call Protection** is a feature of some bonds that prohibits the issuer from buying it back for a specified period of time. The period during which the bond is protected is known as the deferment period. Bonds with call protection are sometimes referred to as deferred callable bonds.

**Capitalization** is defined as the following: Mega (Above \$100 billion), Large (\$12 to \$100 billion), Medium (\$2.5 - \$12 billion), Small (\$.50 - \$2.5 billion) and Micro (below \$.50 billion).

**Coupon-Interest Payment** is received by a bondholder from the date of issuance until the date of maturity of a bond.

**Distribution Rate** is defined as the most recent distribution paid, annualized, and then divided by the current market price. Distribution rate may consist of investment income, short-term capital gains, long-term capital gains, and /or returns of capital.

Dividend a portion of a company's profit paid to common and preferred shareholders.

**Dividend Yield** annual dividend per share divided by price per share. Dividend Yield for the portfolio is a weighted average of the results for the individual stocks in the portfolio.

**Downside Risk** is a measure of the risk associated with achieving a specific target return. This statistic separates portfolio volatility into downside risk and upside uncertainty. The downside considers all returns below the target return, while the upside considers all returns equal to or above the target return.

**Duration** is a measure of price sensitivity expressed in years.

**Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)** are a form of a security seeking to maintain continued full exposure to broad markets or segments of markets.

High Grade Corporate Bonds corporate bonds from issuers with credit ratings of AA or AAA.

**Information Ratio** is a measure of the investment manager's skill to add active value against a given benchmark relative to how stable that active return has been. Essentially, the information ratio explains how significant a manager's alpha is. Therefore, the higher the information ratio, the more significant the alpha.

**Investment Grade Bonds** are those rated by Standard & Poor's AAA (highest rated), AA, A or BBB (or equivalent rating by other rating agencies or, in the case of securities not rated, by the investment manager).

Morgan Stanley Composite Start Date is the date when Morgan Stanley began to calculate the composite performance of the strategy using qualifying advisory accounts.

**Preferred/Hybrid Securities** are stocks that evidence ownership in a corporation and pay a fixed or variable stream of dividends. Preferred stocks have a preference over common stocks in the event of the liquidation of an issuer and usually do not carry voting rights. Preferred stocks have many of the characteristics of both equity securities and fixed-income securities.

Premium Bond is a bond trading higher than the face value of the bond.

Program Inception Date is the date that the strategy was launched in the Select UMA program.

**Price/Book Ratio (P/B)** weighted average of the stocks' price divided by book value per share. Book value per share is defined as common equity, including intangibles, divided by shares outstanding times the adjustment factor.

**Price/Cash Flow Ratio** a ratio used to compare a company's market value to its cash flow. It is calculated by dividing the company's market cap by the company' operating cash flow in the most recent fiscal year (or the most recent four fiscal quarters); or, equivalently, divide the per-share stock price by the per-share operating cash flow.

Price/Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio) shows the multiple of earnings at which a stock sells. Determined by dividing current stock price by current earnings per share (adjusted for stock splits). Earnings per share for the P/E ratio are determined by dividing earnings for past 12 months by the number of common shares outstanding. The P/E ratio shown here is calculated by the harmonic mean.

**Price/Sales Ratio** determined by dividing current stock price by revenue per share (adjusted for stock splits). Revenue per share for the P/S ratio is determined by dividing revenue for past 12 months by number of shares outstanding.

**R2 (R-Squared)/Portfolio Diversification** indicates the proportion of a security's total variance that is benchmark-related or is explained by variations in the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio** measures the efficiency, or excess return per unit of volatility, of a manager's returns. It evaluates managers' performance on a volatility-adjusted basis.

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of historical variability or spread of returns around a mathematical average return that was produced by the investment manager over a given measurement period. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability in the investment manager's returns relative to its average return.

**Strategy Inception Date** is the date that the Manager started to calculate the performance of the strategy.

**Top-Down/Economic Analysis** Emphasis primarily on macroeconomic trends as opposed to bottom-up stock selection.

**Tracking Error** represents the standard deviation of the difference between the performance of the investment strategy and the benchmark. This provides a historical measure of the variability of the investment strategy's returns relative to its benchmark.

**U.S. Treasury Bonds** a marketable, fixed interest U.S. government debt security with a maturity of more than 10 years. Treasury bonds make interest payments semi-annually and the income that holders receive is only taxed at the federal level.

**Volatility** a measure of risk based on the standard deviation of the asset return. Volatility is a variable that appears in option pricing formulas, where it denotes the volatility of the underlying asset return from now to the expiration of the option. There are volatility indexes. Such as a scale of 1-9; a higher rating means higher risk.

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