

**VALUATION 50 STRATEGY**

*Strategy Creation Date: 6/10/2004*

The Valuation 50 is an investment strategy composed of a focused group of 50 stocks designed to consistently outperform the S&P 500 index in a tax efficient manner.

The Valuation 50 is managed by a team of analysts who conduct a systematic process that combines fundamental and qualitative research work, with valuation as the core guideline. In sum, the Valuation 50 aims to identify high quality and undervalued companies, which have the capacity and potential to thrive in economic cycles and outperform the overall market through an extended holding horizon.

The Valuation 50 portfolio is sector neutral to the SP 500, and the securities within each sector of the portfolio are equal weighted.

**VALUATION DRIVEN™ INVESTMENT PROCESS**

Valuation Driven™ Investing begins and ends with calculating the intrinsic value of every stock in a benchmark against which a portfolio is constructed and comparing those values against traded prices.

**STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS**

- ▲ Objectives
  - Capital appreciation
  - Risk Mitigation
  - Tax Efficiency
- ▲ Team Managed
- ▲ Analyst Coverage
- ▲ Diversified 50 Holdings
- ▲ Sector Neutral
- ▲ Active Share: 80%
- ▲ Stocks Equal Weighted in Sector
- ▲ Quarterly Rebalanced
  - Sector Neutral
  - Stocks Equal Weighted
- ▲ Low Annual Turnover
  - Since Inception: 14%
  - Last Five years: 8%

**INVESTMENT TEAM:**

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*Founded Firm in 1995*

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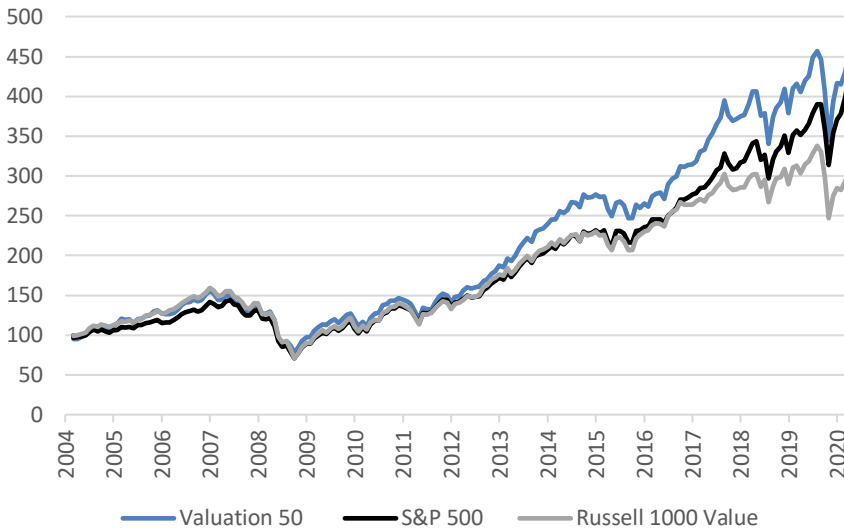
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**Investment Growth**

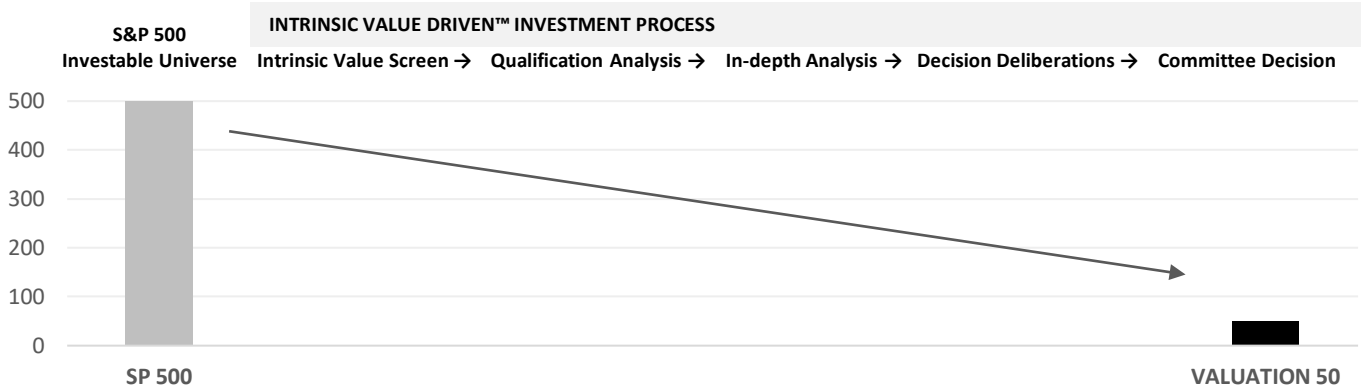
Time Period 6/11/2006 to 11/30/2020



**ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN - AS OF 11/30/2020**

	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	15 years	Inception
Valuation 50 (Gross)	11.10%	13.23%	11.64%	13.63%	14.79%	10.11%	10.41%
Valuation 50 (Net)	11.10%	12.88%	11.30%	13.29%	14.45%	9.78%	10.08%
S&P 500	14.02%	17.46%	13.17%	13.99%	14.19%	9.61%	9.52%
Russell 1000 Value	-1.00%	1.72%	5.25%	8.44%	10.93%	7.11%	7.63%

Performance Sources: Morningstar and Zephyr PSN.



### STEP 1: INTRINSIC VALUE SCREEN

Objectively screen for the top 30% of undervalued names in each sector using a proprietary valuation factor. This approach gives each analyst team member a head start in identifying buy candidates statistically poised to outperform. In addition, it ensures consistency in process that is repeatable and can be audited.

Institutionalizing a discipline for generating buy ideas empowers the analysts to focus their efforts on analyzing and vetting companies to mitigate risk. It also enables them to become intimate with the companies of interest, along with their respective industries.

### STEP 2: QUALIFICATION ANALYSIS

This step begins by verifying and auditing quantitative buy candidates for historical intrinsic value accuracy to mitigate systematic model biases. We then review management’s historical ability to create shareholder wealth by analyzing company’s historical levels of Economic Margin™, trends and variability. Followed by an analysis of historic growth strategies, organic or acquisitive, and capital structure of the firm. The goal of this step is to remove weak candidates and to then focus on the best long-term buy candidates.

### STEP 3: IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

Analysts gain a deep understanding of the company’s business cycle, evolution, overall historic strategies. Analyze current business momentum, challenges, and outlook. Once the analyst has become intimate with the company, they perform valuation sensitivity analysis and build out custom detailed proforma model calibrations to fine-tune an intrinsic value for the stock.

### STEP 4: DECISION DELIBERATION

To further narrow down the list of investment candidates the focus shifts to analyzing risk implications of adding each buy candidate to the portfolio and understanding: Industry concentration/diversification, correlation of candidates within portfolio, additional risk/reduction to the portfolio, and an evaluation of near/long term catalysts.

### STEP 5: COMMITTEE DECISION

Analyst presents complete BUY analysis/thesis and models to committee of 5 members for vote. Here the committee evaluates all merits of buy idea. In addition, the committee will review inputs to the custom proforma model that was built for the intrinsic value estimate. A super majority vote is needed for the buy.

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