

Dynamic Hedged Equity: Socially Responsible Investing

Socially Responsible Tactical Growth Strategy – Individual Stocks

Strategy Overview

As of 3/31/24

SRI is a socially responsible long-term tactical growth strategy focused on long-term capital appreciation. Socially responsible investing (SRI) avoids industries with generally negative impacts on society and seeks out companies that are pioneering in environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) operations. The strategy incorporates restrictions on these industries using third-party ESG analysis applied to our proprietary market outlook and stock scoring models. It invests in leading growth stocks during favorable equity environments and scales to cash to preserve gains when bear market risk is high. Adhering to a flexible investment mandate allows for allocation shifts that range between 0%-100% equities exposure.

Primary Objectives

Long-Term Growth coupled with SRI Considerations

Asset Allocation Range

Tactical allocation shifts based on market conditions: 0%-100%

Socially Responsible Investing for Modern Investors

Progressively-minded investors seek thoughtful solutions to balance their financial goals of portfolio growth and
equities exposure with investment in socially responsible companies. The CAN SLIM® SRI strategy is committed to
dual objectives of long-term growth while supporting sustainable industries. We believe many companies that are
solving some of the biggest global challenges are also best positioned for growth, now and as these issues become
more impactful to society.

SRI Filters

Analyzing investments based solely upon ESG filters can inadvertently include industries that are not in line with
progressive investment sensibilities. To ensure that CAN SLIM® SRI invests according to ESG qualities but also
incorporates socially responsible considerations, we implement preliminary values-based restrictions on the
following industries:

Gambling Pawn Shops

Civilian Firearms Adult Entertainment

Payday Loans Tobacco

Military Weapons

• For companies that operate outside of the above industries, we perform additional analysis of company operations based on the three attributes of environmental, social and corporate governance, to produce an overall ESG rating. The strategy only invests in companies rated above a certain ESG threshold.

Investment Process

NorthCoast seeks long-term growth with downside risk protection through the implementation of a systematic 4-step process

1
Determine
Equity Exposure
Goal to reduce volatility
and mitigate significant
losses by shifting to cash
during market declines

2
Values Based
Exclusions and
ESG Ratings
Participate in market growth
by investing in top-scoring
risk-adjusted growth stocks

3 Select Stocks Participate in market growth by investing in top-scoring risk-

adjusted growth stocks

4
Manage
Risk
Monitor daily risk
controls such as
volatility, industry
exposures and sell stops

Total Performance (% Net)

	2019*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD	Total Return
Socially Responsible Investing	5.5	3.2	25.6	-9.0	4.4	5.9	37.7
Tactical Competitor Average	4.9	9.0	13.2	-15.6	10.6	6.0	28.1

^{*} Performance results from 4/30/2019 - 12/31/2019.

Strategy Benefits

Complementary	Low correlation to standard equity benchmarks
Defensive	Able to shift between 100% equity and 100% cash
Disciplined	Quantitatively researched and rules-based management
Transparent	Separately managed account (SMA) structure provides real-time account access

Management

Firm	NorthCoast Asset Management			
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About NorthCoast

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