

# SELECT STRATEGY



## 4Q 2025 Strategy Fact Sheet

### Performance (%)

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

	4Q 2025	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since 6/30/2009
Portfolio (Gross)	0.29	14.30	16.05	13.06	16.27	14.18	15.97
Portfolio (Net)	0.03	13.17	14.91	11.95	15.12	13.05	14.83
S&P 500 Index	2.66	17.88	23.01	14.42	17.29	14.82	15.08
Russell 3000 Index	2.40	17.15	22.25	13.15	16.64	14.29	14.78

All periods longer than 12 months are annualized. See disclosures on last page. Source: GPS.

### Manager Commentary

#### Market Overview

Global equity markets experienced a volatile Q4 2025, yet finished strong with the S&P 500, Russell 2000 Value, and the MSCI EAFE appreciating 2.66%, 3.26%, 4.86%, respectively. Inflationary pressures have continued to ease as economic growth is set to improve through the first half of 2026. These two positive economic developments have led to lower interest rates and falling equity risk premiums driving the equity rally.

For the first time in over a decade, international equity markets outperformed U.S. equity markets. With the strong equity market appreciation over the last 12 months some short-term price consolidation may be necessary, however we do expect conditions to remain relatively supportive of equity markets. Going forward, the biggest headwind to further gains in equity markets will be the need for continually increasing liquidity conditions so that the improved economic outlook can be funded without crowding out risk assets.

#### Portfolio Positioning

As a result of buys and sells and market action, the portfolio is overweight Communication Services, Industrials, Materials, Energy, Information Technology, and Consumer Discretionary while underweight Consumer Staples, Health Care, Utilities, Real Estate, and Financials.

#### Contributors to Performance

During the quarter, the portfolio experienced positive absolute and negative relative performance. Positive relative performance was driven by Health Care, Energy, Financials, Real Estate, and Utilities. Detractors for the quarter were Industrials, Information Technology, Communication Services, Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary, and Materials.

\* Performance referenced reflects gross-of-fee returns.

"We believe investing is about **offsetting future obligations**, not just having market exposure."

## 4Q 2025 SELECT STRATEGY PORTFOLIO

### Portfolio Characteristics\*

	Portfolio	S&P 500 Index
Number of Holdings	27	503
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap (\$B)	1,555.01	1,430.40
Price/Book*	4.67	5.15
Est. 3-5 Yr. EPS Growth (%)*	15.52	12.93
P/E NTM*	23.28	22.18
ROA (%)*	19.77	18.35
ROE (%)*	29.62	26.13
Dividend Yield (%)*	0.65	1.13

\* Calculated gross-of-fees.  
Source: FactSet

### Risk Reward\*

	Portfolio	S&P 500 Index
Beta	0.99	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.62	0.74
Information Ratio	-0.25	N/A
R-Squared	0.88	1.00
Standard Deviation (%)	15.83	14.98

\* Annualized 5-years ending 12/31/2025; calculated gross-of-fees.  
Source: eVestment

### Portfolio Sector Weightings (%)\*<sup>1</sup>

	Portfolio	S&P 500 Index
Information Technology	35.67	34.40
Communication Services	14.61	10.58
Financials	12.77	13.40
Consumer Discretionary	11.20	10.38
Industrials	10.65	8.19
Health Care	6.11	9.62
Energy	4.80	2.81
Materials	4.18	1.83
Consumer Staples	-	4.71
Real Estate	-	1.83
Utilities	-	2.25

\* Excludes 0.76% cash. Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%.

<sup>1</sup> Performance holdings subject to change.  
Source: FactSet

### Top Ten Holdings\*<sup>1</sup>

	% Total Portfolio		% Total Portfolio
Alphabet Inc	7.49	Microsoft Corp	5.76
NVIDIA Corp	7.19	Meta Platforms Inc	4.37
Taiwan Semiconductor	7.16	JPMorgan Chase & Co	4.20
Amazon.com Inc	6.35	Monolithic Power Systems	4.05
Eli Lilly & Co	6.11	Apple Inc	3.96

\* Excludes 0.76% cash.

<sup>1</sup> Performance holdings subject to change.  
Source: FactSet

### Additions To Portfolio

Apple Inc.	Boeing Company
Broadcom Inc.	Nucor Corporation
Synopsys, Inc.	

Source: FactSet

### Deletions From Portfolio

Mondelez International, Inc. Class A	Motorola Solutions, Inc.
Sherwin-Williams Company	Spotify Technology SA
TransDigm Group Incorporated	

Source: FactSet

## VAUGHAN NELSON EQUITY TEAM

### LEAD PORTFOLIO MANAGER



**Scott Weber, CFA**  
**Senior Portfolio Manager**

- 30 years investment management and financial analysis experience
- MBA, Tulane University, 1997
- BS, The University of the South, 1994

### RESEARCH TEAM



**Tyler Fry, CFA**  
**Vice President, U.S.**

- 12 years investment management and financial analysis experience
- BBA, Southern Methodist University, 2014
- BS, Southern Methodist University, 2014



**Benjamin Ledig**  
**Associate, U.S.**

- 3 year financial analysis and research experience
- BA, Vanderbilt University, 2023



**Yash Patil**  
**Associate, U.S.**

- 1 year financial analysis experience
- MS, Rice University, 2024
- BT, Vellore Institute of Technology, 2020

### CAPITAL ALLOCATION TEAM



**Ben Eckert**  
**Junior Associate**

- 1 year financial analysis experience
- BBA, Baylor University, 2025



**Isabella Thomsen**  
**Junior Associate**

- 1 year financial analysis experience
- MS, Vanderbilt University, 2025
- BBA, Stetson University, 2024

### CIO TEAM



**Adam Rich, CFA**  
**Deputy CIO**  
**Portfolio Manager**

- 16 years investment management and research experience
- BS, Brigham Young University, 2010



**Chris Wallis, CFA, CPA**  
**CEO and CIO**  
**Senior Portfolio Manager**

- 34 years investment management / financial analysis and accounting experience
- MBA, Harvard Business School, 1998
- BBA, Baylor University, 1991

### RISK TEAM



**Sarah Lai**  
**Junior Associate, Portfolio and Risk Analysis**

- 1 year portfolio and risk analysis experience
- MS, Rice University, 2024
- BA, The University of Texas at Austin, 2023



**Isabelle Long**  
**Associate, Portfolio and Risk Analysis**

- 4 years portfolio and risk analysis experience
- MBA, Texas A&M University, 2024
- BS, Texas A&M University, 2022



**William Wojciechowski, PhD**  
**Chief Risk Officer, Portfolio and Risk Analysis**

- 24 years investment management and financial analysis experience
- PhD, Rice University, 2001
- MA, Rice University, 1999
- MS, West Virginia University, 1996
- BS, Carnegie Mellon University, 1992

## ABOUT VAUGHAN NELSON

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management specializes in value equity investing with a focus on a targeted return. The firm employs a bottom-up, fundamental research process that seeks to capitalize on information and liquidity inefficiencies in the equity universe. The firm's long-term, consistent investment approach draws on its in-depth research capabilities.

- Headquarters: Houston, Texas
- Founded: 1970
- Firm Assets: \$15.1 Billion\*
- Domestic equity, international equity, and fixed income strategies
- 55 employees
- 27 investment team professionals
- 12 Chartered Financial Analyst designations

\* Number includes assets where Vaughan Nelson Investment Management does not have full unconditional trading authority. The assets consist of model portfolio relationships with third-party platforms and totaled \$2.9 billion as of 12/31/25.

## VAUGHAN NELSON EQUITY STRATEGIES

		Product Assets as of 12/31/25
<b>Small Cap Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmark against the Russell 2000® Value Index</li> <li>• Generally 55 to 85 positions</li> </ul>	\$4,780 MM
<b>Value Opportunity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmark against the Russell Midcap® Value Index and Russell 2500™ Value Index</li> <li>• Generally 55 to 75 positions</li> </ul>	\$2,310 MM
<b>Select</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmark against the S&amp;P 500 Index and Russell 3000® Index</li> <li>• Generally 20 to 40 positions</li> </ul>	\$5,893 MM
<b>Global SMID Cap</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmark against the MSCI ACWI SMID Cap NR Index</li> <li>• Generally 40 to 80 positions</li> </ul>	\$266 MM
<b>Emerging Markets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmark against the MSCI Emerging Markets NR Index</li> <li>• Generally 20 to 40 positions</li> </ul>	\$55 MM
<b>International</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benchmark against the MSCI ACWI ex USA NR Index</li> <li>• Generally 20 to 40 positions</li> </ul>	\$43 MM

# SELECT PORTFOLIO COMPOSITE RETURNS

June 30, 2009 through December 31, 2025

Performance data shown represents past performance and is not a guarantee of, and not indicative of, future results.

Year	Compos. Returns		S&P 500 Index	R3000 Index	No. of Ports.	Disp. at EOP	Compos. Assets at EOP	Total Firm Assets (ex. model assets)	Entity Assets**	Std Dev. Compos.	Std Dev. S&P 500 Index	Std Dev. R3000 Index
	Gross	Net	PRIM	SEC								
2025	14.30%	13.17%	17.87%	17.15%	97	0.40%	2,763	12,239	15,108	13.57%	11.79%	12.37%
2024	11.08%	9.99%	25.02%	23.81%	108	0.39%	3,802	14,791	17,840	17.49%	17.15%	17.56%
2023	23.09%	21.88%	26.29%	25.96%	107	0.57%	3,922	13,811	16,351	17.64%	17.29%	17.46%
2022	-15.92%	-16.77%	-18.11%	-19.21%	99	0.31%	2,856	11,720	13,566	21.58%	20.87%	21.48%
2021	40.61%	39.26%	28.71%	25.66%	93	0.46%	3,388	13,490	15,481	17.88%	17.17%	17.94%
2020	20.32%	19.13%	18.40%	20.89%	87	0.70%	1,846	12,690	14,052	19.51%	18.53%	19.41%
2019	29.21%	27.94%	31.49%	31.02%	83	0.22%	1,617	11,346	13,064	12.46%	11.93%	12.21%
2018	-3.56%	-4.53%	-4.38%	-5.24%	80	0.24%	1,187	10,078	11,425	11.96%	10.80%	11.18%
2017	25.94%	24.69%	21.83%	21.13%	69	0.48%	997	11,675	13,172	10.54%	9.92%	10.09%
2016	7.99%	6.91%	11.96%	12.74%	53	0.23%	679	11,572	12,912	11.30%	10.59%	10.88%
2015	4.02%	2.97%	1.38%	0.48%	42	0.22%	448	11,316	12,469	11.81%	10.48%	10.58%
2014	12.04%	10.93%	13.69%	12.56%	41	0.11%	585	9,943	11,057	9.50%	8.98%	9.29%
2013	44.11%	42.73%	32.39%	33.55%	37	0.33%	410	9,243	10,258	12.24%	11.94%	12.53%
2012	10.91%	9.81%	16.00%	16.42%	27	0.29%	194	7,273	8,071	15.57%	15.09%	15.73%
2011	4.85%	3.80%	2.11%	1.03%	17	N/A	124	6,876	7,667	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	31.28%	30.00%	15.06%	16.93%	Fewer than 5	N/A	26	7,050	7,965	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009*	19.37%	18.80%	22.59%	23.17%	Fewer than 5	N/A	23	6,757	7,690	N/A	N/A	N/A

## NOTES AND DISCLOSURES

### NOTES

**COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION.** This composite is comprised of all fee paying, discretionary Select portfolios of at least \$1 million under management. Select portfolios are managed in a tactical manner predominately investing in 20-40 equity securities within the market capitalization range of the S&P 500 Index at the time of purchase. The primary benchmark is the S&P 500® Index. The secondary benchmark is the Russell 3000® Index. The primary benchmark was changed from the Russell 3000® Index to the S&P 500® Index. Frank Russell Company ("Russell") is the source and owner of Russell Index data contained herein. Any further dissemination of the data is strictly prohibited. Russell is not responsible for any inaccuracy in this presentation. The composite creation and inception date is June 2009. **FIRM DEFINITION.** Vaughan Nelson Investment Management ("Vaughan Nelson") is an equity, fixed income, and balanced portfolio investment manager. Vaughan Nelson is defined as an independent investment advisory firm and is affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers, LLC. **FEES.** Select Fee Schedule: 1.00% on the first \$25 million, .85% on the next \$25 million, .75% on the remainder. **OTHER NOTES.** Results for the full historical period are time-weighted. Accounts have been valued daily and portfolio returns have been weighted by using beginning-of-month market values plus daily weighted cash flow. The dispersion calculation is based on a dollar-weighted average of gross portfolio returns within the composite for the entire period. The dispersion percent of N/A indicates that the number of portfolios for the entire year were equal to five or fewer or periods of less than one year. The benchmark source is FactSet. The valuation source is Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

### DISCLOSURES

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION.** The attached information and index performance has been developed internally and/or obtained from sources, which Vaughan Nelson believes to be reliable; however, Vaughan Nelson does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of such information, nor does it guarantee the appropriateness of any strategy referred to for any particular investor. This document is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as advice or a recommendation for purchase or sale of securities. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The strategy is managed by Scott Weber and Chris Wallis from 12/31/18; Scott Weber, Chris Wallis, Dennis Alff and Chad Fargason from 9/30/13; and Scott Weber, Chris Wallis, and Dennis Alff from inception. **COMPOSITE NOTES.** The composite for each investment strategy has specific criteria in terms of minimum portfolio size, tax status, and discretion. Portfolios meeting the stated criteria are added to the composite as of the first full quarter of investment in that composite's style. Similarly, accounts are removed from the composite after the last full quarter of management under the composite style. A list of all composites and pooled fund investment strategies offered by the firm, with a description of each strategy, is available upon request. The composite results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and other earnings when appropriate. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using gross-of-fee returns, and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period). **CALCULATION METHODOLOGY.** The composite performance results are time-weighted total returns net of commissions and transaction costs. Valuations and returns are expressed in U.S. dollars. Vaughan Nelson consistently values all portfolios each month on a trade date basis. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing the GIPS® Reports are available upon request. No composite accounts hold foreign denominated securities. Net-of-fee returns are calculated utilizing the highest annual fee paid by a client in the strategy. This fee is divided by 12 and subtracted from the gross composite return on a monthly basis to calculate monthly net-of-fee returns. Quarterly and annual net-of-fee returns are calculated by geometrically linking these monthly returns. **COMPLIANT STATEMENT.** Vaughan Nelson claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS® Standards. Vaughan Nelson has been independently verified for the periods 12/31/97 through 6/30/25. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS® standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS® standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS® standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Select composite has had a performance examination for the periods 7/1/09 to 12/31/24. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

Model year-end portfolio totals were as follows: 2025 - \$2.9 billion, 2024 - \$3.0 billion, 2023 - \$2.5 billion, 2022 - \$1.8 billion, 2021 - \$2.0 billion, 2020 - \$1.4 billion; 2019 - \$1.7 billion, 2018 - \$1.3 billion; 2017 - \$1.5 billion; 2016 - \$1.3 billion, 2015 - \$1.2 billion, 2014 - \$1.1 billion, 2013 - \$1.0 billion.

\* Partial year return. Inception date of 6/30/09.

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