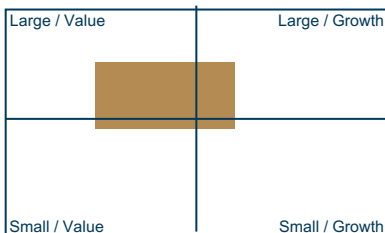


## Style / Market Capitalization



Large Cap: 86.32%

Mid Cap: 6.74%

Cash: 6.94%

## Top 10 Equity Holdings

Microsoft Corp. (MSFT)	6.80%
Apple Inc. (AAPL)	5.71%
Blackstone Group Inc. (BX)	4.79%
Lam Research (LRCX)	4.76%
International Business Mach. (IBM)	4.13%
Qualcomm Inc. (QCOM)	4.00%
CVS Health Corp. (CVS)	3.66%
American Tower Corp. (AMT)	3.56%
Hannon Armstrong (HASI)	3.45%
Broadcom Inc. (AVGO)	3.43%

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Core Equity	S&P 500
Price/Earnings (FY1)	20.0x	22.1x
Price/Cash Flow	19.6x	19.2x
Dividend Yield	2.06%	1.30%
Est 3-5 Year EPS Growth	12.4%	16.5%
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap (in billions)	\$462.6	609.2
Number of Holdings	31	507

## Investment Philosophy

A privately-held firm, ARS Investment Partners, LLC ("ARS") operates as a traditional partnership, advising on \$1.7 billion in assets. We view the market as a medium of exchange with inherent inefficiencies, allowing us to seek out uncommon value and the opportunity to deliver absolute returns regardless of market direction. As students of the markets, we act with a conviction borne out of rigorous research. We are investors, not traders, and independent research is fundamental to our work. We assess the economic, social, and political environment, identifying sectors in the economy that we believe will thrive and to which capital will flow. We evaluate companies on an enterprise value basis, as if we were purchasing the entire company, and look for identifiable earnings growth catalysts that can offer significant absolute returns without excessive risk.

## Investment Approach

Our Core Equity Strategy invests in those companies we deem high-quality, with strong balance sheets and reasonable earnings growth. These companies have above-average dividend yields with the prospect for dividend growth. The strategy intends to be well-diversified across sectors. The strategy considers those companies and sectors that align with our macro outlook, while de-emphasizing or avoiding those that we believe are facing the greatest headwinds. ARS views its active sector selection process as being critical for balancing current income generation with the goal of increasing purchasing power over time.

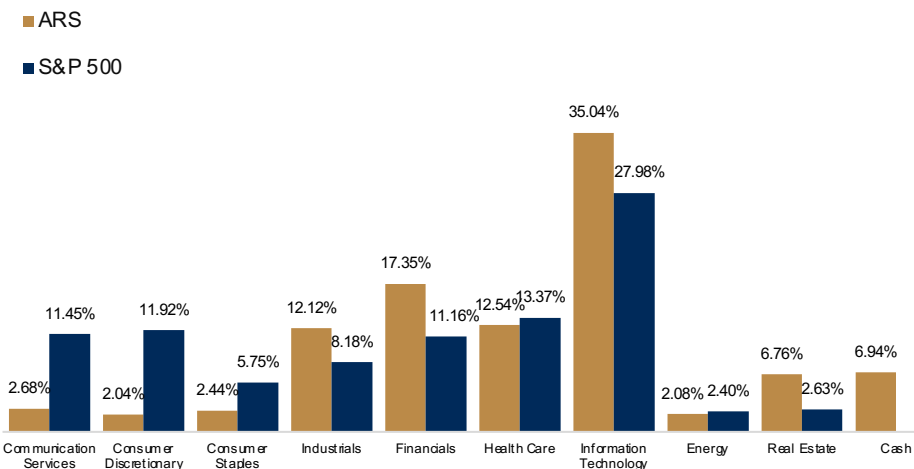
## Annualized Performance

(period ending August 31, 2021; inception March 7, 2011)

	MTD	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	10 Year*	Inception*
Gross of fees	2.46%	4.91%	19.14%	33.09%	13.69%	14.37%	13.88%	13.19%
Net of fees	2.35%	4.68%	18.15%	31.43%	12.27%	13.00%	12.68%	12.59%
S&P 500	3.04%	5.49%	21.58%	31.17%	18.07%	18.02%	16.34%	14.84%
Russell 1000								
Value	1.98%	2.80%	20.32%	36.44%	11.45%	11.68%	13.03%	11.47%

\*Performance numbers are annualized for all time periods over 1 year. See Disclosure Notes.

## Sector Weights (%)



These holdings are supplemental information to the GIPS-verified presentation. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and income. Performance data for both gross and net of fees reflect the reduction of transaction costs. Net of fees reflects the deduction of advisory fees. The investment advisory fees are described in Part 2A of the Form ADV. Index information is provided for illustrative purposes only. Indices are unmanaged, do not incur expenses and are not available for direct investment. **Price/Earnings Ratio (FY1)**: Stock price divided by the future 12-month earnings per share estimate, excludes negative earnings. **Price/Cash Flow Ratio**: Stock price divided by the trailing 12-month cash flow per share. **Dividend Yield**: Dollar amount of last quarterly dividend multiplied by 4, divided by the stock price. **Est 3-5 Year EPS Growth**: The 3-5 year estimated earnings per share growth. **Wtd. Average Market Cap**: Market capitalization of each security weighted by its size in the portfolio. **Market capitalization definitions**: Large Cap >\$10 billion; Mid Cap \$2.5-10 billion; Small Cap <\$2.5 billion. Style / Market Capitalization, Top 10 Equity Holdings and Sector Weights are as of 8/31/2021 and are subject to change. A list of all of the holdings is available upon request. See additional Disclosures on the following page.

## Disclosures

### Past performance is not indicative of future results.

**Definition of the Firm** – ARS Investment Partners, LLC (“ARS”) was originally founded as A.R. Schmeidler & Co., Inc. in 1971 and is majority-owned by Artemis US Corporation. Artemis US Corporation is 100% owned by Artemis Corporation, an Ontario, Canada entity, which is in turn 100% owned by Artemis Investment Management Corporation, a financial services firm headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Miles Nadal is the controlling shareholder of Artemis Investment Management Corporation. ARS is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. ARS Investment Partners, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS Standards. ARS Investment Partners, LLC has been independently verified for the periods 1/1/2000 through 12/31/19. The verification report(s) is/are available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm’s policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers. Management believes that the returns prior to 2000 are accurate, but due to a lack of firmwide client data, GIPS compliance cannot be claimed prior to 1/1/2000.

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