

Q2 2021 PRESENTATION BOOK

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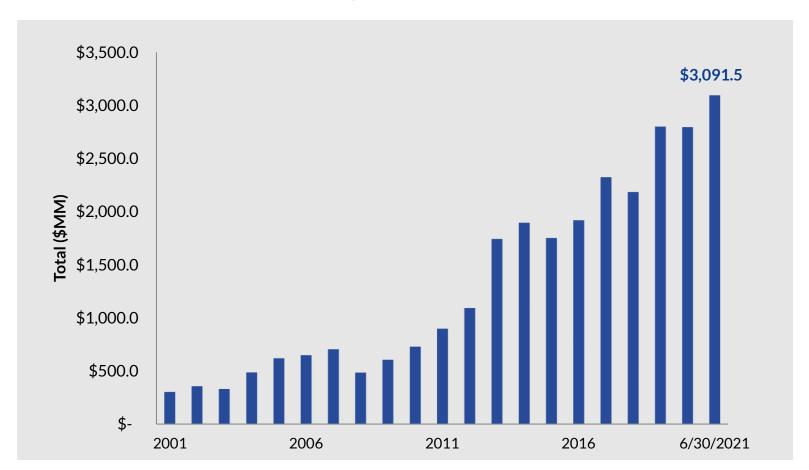
### **Important Facts**

- Founded in 1980
- Headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan
- Portfolio managers and analysts average over 20 years of investment experience
- Investment adviser to the Ave Maria Mutual Funds

### Our Philosophy

- Importance placed on long-term relationships
- Investment goals consistent with risk tolerance levels
- Prudent management utilizes trust-quality investments
- Seek to provide above-average returns and below-average risk
- Our reputation is our most valuable asset
- The Ave Maria Mutual Funds couple intelligent, disciplined investing with Catholic Values

### **Growth of Assets Under Management**



### **Equity Investment Discipline**

- Emphasize companies with superior business characteristics
- Utilize independent analysis and proprietary screening supplemented by
   Wall Street research
- Purchase shares of financially sound companies when they are out of favor and attractively priced
- Buy across market capitalizations if price represents a significant discount to our estimate of intrinsic value
- Contrarian discipline designed to reduce the risk of loss and enhance returns
- Sell stocks when they no longer meet our standards

### **Experienced Portfolio Managers**



George P. Schwartz, CFA								
Years of investment experience	Funds managed							
40+	Bond, Rising Dividend							



Adam P. Gaglio, CFA								
Years of investment experience	Funds managed							
8	Focused, Growth							



Timothy S. S	chwartz CFA
Years of investment experience	Fund managed
23	Value



Chadd M. Garcia, CFA								
Years of investment experience	Funds managed							
17	Focused, Growth							

# **Experienced Portfolio Managers**



Brandon S. Scheitler								
Years of investment experience	Fund managed							
15	Bond, Rising Dividend							



Ryan M. Kuyawa, CFA								
Years of investment experience	Fund managed							
19	Value							



Anthony W. Ger	nnaro, CFA, CPA
Years of investment experience	Fund managed
23	World Equity

### The Importance of a Global Perspective on Stocks

- Two-thirds of the world's investment opportunities lie outside of the United States
- □ The U.S. represents only 15% of the world's total gross domestic product (GDP)¹
- In 2019, 129 countries ranked ahead of the U.S. for GDP real growth rate<sup>1</sup>
- Global stocks outperformed U.S. stocks in 9 of the 20 calendar years from 2001 to 2020<sup>2</sup>

#### Comparison of Global versus U.S. Stocks--- Calendar Year Returns 2001 to 2020

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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-11.89	-19.32	34.01	15.24	10.84	20.95	11.65	-37.00	34.63	15.06	2.11	16.12	32.39	13.69	1.38	11.96	23.96	-4.38	31.49	18.40
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-16.21	-22.10	28.68	10.88	4.91	15.79	5.49	-42.21	26.46	12.67	-7.36	16.00	22.84	4.15	-2.36	7.86	21.83	-9.41	26.60	16.27

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The World Factbook, Central Intelligence Agency, January 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mellon Analytical Solutions, Inc. January 2021 (U.S. Stocks represented by the S&P 500 Index and Global Stocks represented by the MSCI All Country World Index

### **Investment Objective**

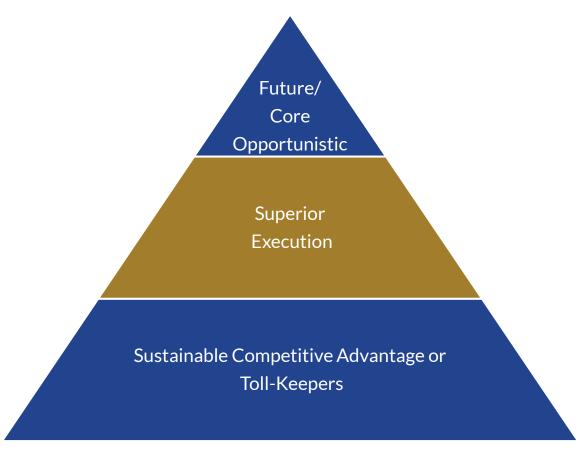
The principal goal of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund is long-term capital appreciation. The Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in common stocks of companies whose focus is global in nature. The Fund will invest at least 60% of its net assets in common stocks issued by non-U.S. companies.<sup>1</sup>

### **Investment Philosophy**

We seek to invest in competitively advantaged companies when they are mispriced by the market. We believe that fundamental research can identify these companies and may lead to long-term alpha generation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A company is deemed to be a "non-U.S. company" if it is headquartered outside the U.S. or has at least 50% of its revenues or operations outside of the U.S. at the time of original purchase.

# **Investment Philosophy**

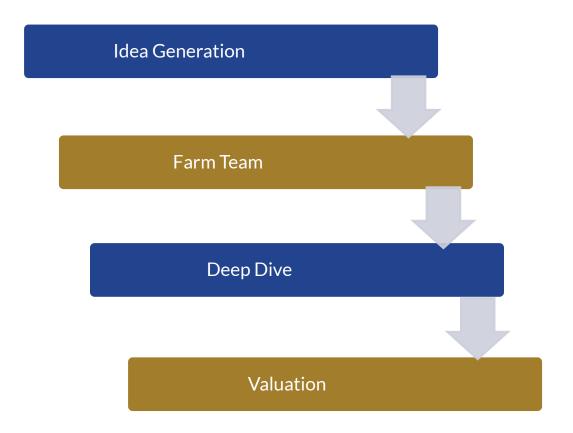


### Investable Universe

- We exclude stocks inconsistent with core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
- We invest in companies that are both domestic and foreign



### **Investment Process**



### **Idea Generation**

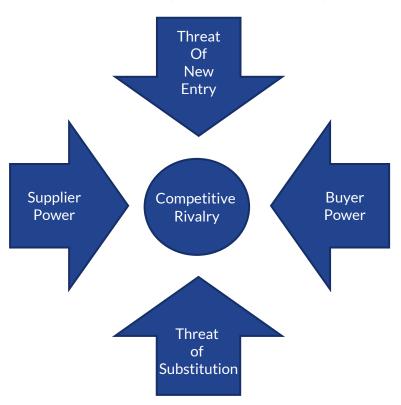
Idea Generation comes through several sources including:

- Meetings with companies, customers and competitors
- Participation in industry conferences, intensive reading and consultant contacts
- Sell-side/Buy-side analyst network

# Bottom-Up Stock Selection

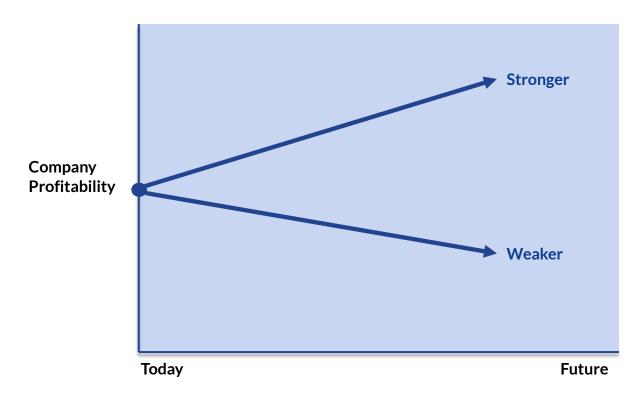
We seek to gain a deep understanding of each company

### Porter's Five Forces



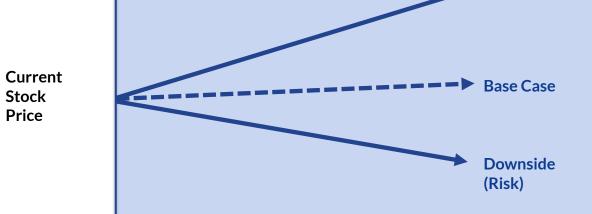
### **Value Creation**

Articulate value creation potential in terms of market growth, industry structure changes, and market share changes



### **Valuation**

Seek asymmetrical risk/reward relationships to maintain a margin of safety



Upside

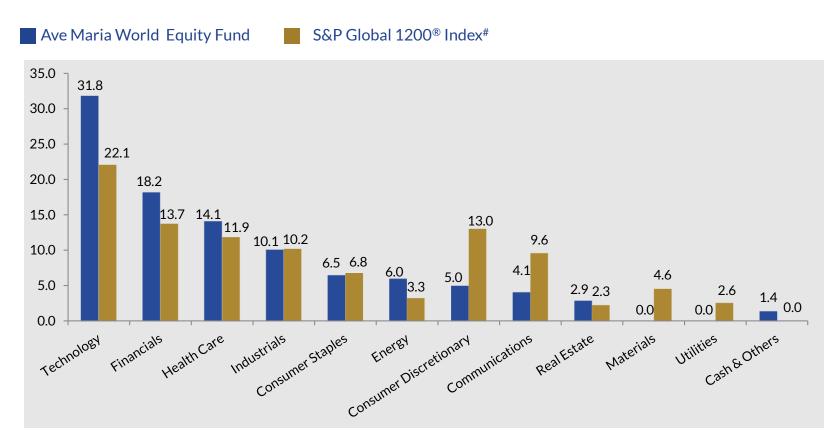
# **Buy Discipline**

Portfolio companies will typically have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Attractive profit margins with strong free cash flow generation
- High returns on equity and capital with strong balance sheets
- Sustainable competitive advantage owing to proprietary products or services, dominant market position or specialty niche
- Shareholder-friendly management that has a demonstrated track record of effective capital allocation
- Attractive valuation based upon fundamentals



#### Economic Sector Breakdown as of June 30, 2021\*



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Morningstar # Data for MSCI All Country World Index is not available. The S&P Global 1200 Index used as a proxy. You cannot invest directly in an index.

### Buy Discipline - Diversified Portfolio

Regional Breakdown vs. MSCI All Country World Index as of June 30, 2021\*

Region	North Amer.	Europe Devel.	United King.	Japan	Asia Devel.	Africa/ Middle East	Europe Emerg.	Austra- Iasia	Asia Emerging	Latin Amer.
% of AVEWX	63%	21%	8%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
% of Index	61%	13%	4%	6%	5%	1%	1%	7%	2%	1%

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Morningstar You cannot invest directly in an index.

# Risk Management

#### **Diversification Constraints:**

- Portfolio holdings typically range from 35-45 issues
- Maximum 5% weight at time of purchase

#### **Risk Management:**

- Brainstorming to identify non-quantitative risk
- Avoid poorly managed companies with aggressive capital structures



# Portfolio Top Holdings as of June 30, 2021 Conviction Weighted Stock Positions

Top 10 Holdings*	40.0% of Net Assets
1. Microsoft Corporation	5.4%
2. Iqvia Holdings, Inc.	5.0%
3. Mastercard Incorporated	4.6%
4. Coca-Cola European Partners	4.4%
5. Accenture PLC	3.9%
6. Medtronic PLC	3.8%
7. S&P Global, Inc.	3.3%
8. Lowe's Companies, Inc.	3.2%
9. Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	3.2%
10. Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	3.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Fund holdings are for illustrative purposes, subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell securities. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

# Sell Discipline

- Company becomes a violator of any moral screen established by our Catholic Advisory Board
- Competitive position deteriorates
- Management executes poorly
- More attractive opportunities
- Stock no longer offers an attractive risk/reward ratio
- Risk management to reduce exposure to potential risk



Annual Turnover Ratio												
2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010		
43%	37%	33%	29%	42%	35%	36%	31%	33%	13%	5%		

### Summary

#### **Our Competitive Advantages:**

- Deep fundamental analysis used in research and portfolio management
- Rigorous focus on scenario analysis reflected in the upside/downside evaluation
- Disciplined portfolio construction and risk-management
- Avoid companies whose business practices are inconsistent with our core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church

### Portfolio Characteristics as of June 30, 2021\*

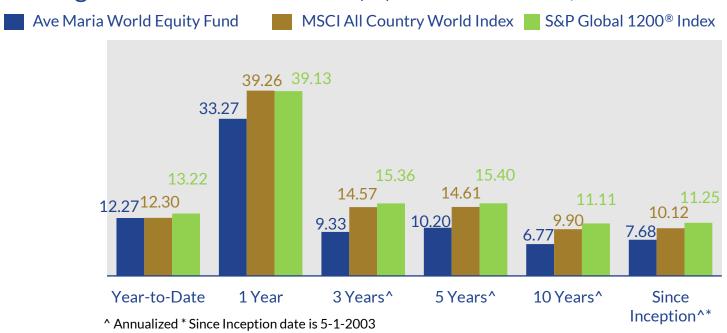
Ave Maria World Equity Fund MSCI All Country World Index #



The Ave Maria World Equity Fund utilizes a Growth At a Reasonable Price (GARP) approach.

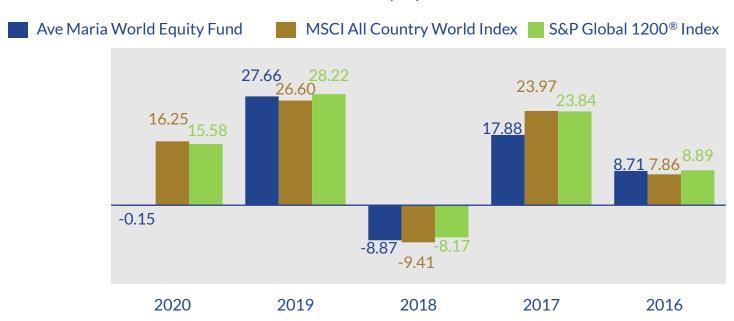
<sup>\*</sup> Source: Bloomberg # iShares MSCI ACWI ETF used as a proxy.

### Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2021



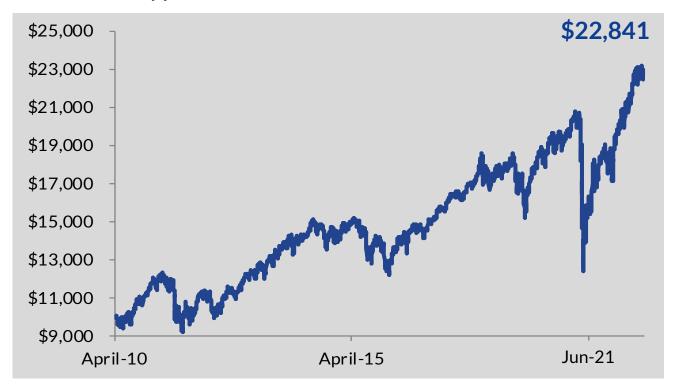
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### Last Five Calendar Year Returns (%)



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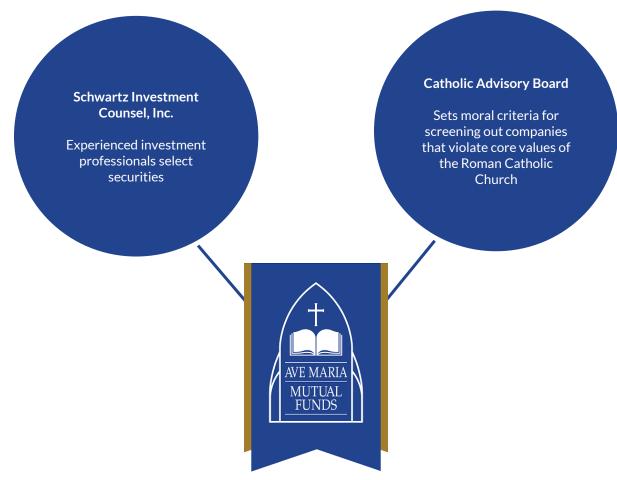
# Growth of a Hypothetical \$10,000 Investment<sup>†</sup>



† From 4-30-10 to 6-30-21. Reflects reinvested distributions and the beneficial effect of any expense reduction and does not guarantee future results.

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# **Organizational Structure**



# **Diversified Fund Family**

Value Fund (AVEMX)		
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation	
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in companies that are believed to be undervalued relative to their intrinsic worth	
Inception Date	May 1, 2001	

Growth Fund (AVEGX)	
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in mid-cap and larger companies offering above-average potential for growth in revenues, profits and cash flow
Inception Date	May 1, 2003

Rising Dividend Fund (AVEDX)		
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation and a rising stream of dividend payments	
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in dividend-paying common stocks with price appreciation potential	
Inception Date	May 2, 2005	

World Equity Fund (AVEWX)		
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation	
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in companies of all capitalizations from around the world	
Inception Date	April 30, 2010	

Focused Fund (AVEAX)		
Investment Goal	Long-term capital appreciation	
Primary Investment Focus	Invests in companies of all sizes offering high earnings growth potential	
Inception Date	May 1, 2020	

Bond Fund (AVEFX)		
Investment Goal	Preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income	
Primary Investment Focus	Invests primarily in domestic investment-grade debt of government and corporate issuers. May invest up to 20% of its assets in equities	
Inception Date	May 1, 2003	

#### **Institutional Shareholders**

- 66 Schools & Universities
- 14 Endowment Funds
- 44 Foundations
- 64 Dioceses
- 60 Churches
- 152 Other Organizations

As of 12-31-20

### Catholic Advisory Board

Composed of prominent Catholics who provide religious guidance in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church, the Board meets regularly to review the Funds' religious standards and criteria.



Robby George, PhD Professor, Princeton University



Scott Hahn Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville



Lou
Holtz, Emeritus
Former Head
Football Coach
University of
Notre Dame



Larry Kudlow, Emeritus Director, National Economic Council



Tom Monaghan Chairman of the Ave Maria Foundation

Episcopal Advisors



Melissa Moschella, PhD Professor, Catholic University of America



Gloria Purvis Host EWTN's Morning Glory



Father Riccardo, Emeritus Executive Director, ACTS XXIX



Paul Roney, CPA President of Domino's Farms Corporation



**Lila Rose**President of Live
Action



His Eminence
Adam Cardinal
Maida
Archbishop of
Detroit. Emeritus



Allen
Vigneron
Archbishop of
Detroit

#### **Moral Screens**

Companies Eliminated by the Ave Maria Mutual Funds Moral Screens

**Abortion** 

**Embryonic Stem Cell** 

Research

Planned Parenthood

**Pornography** 

Abortifacient
Producers, Hospitals
Insurance Companies &
Retail

Companies engaged in embryonic stem cell research

Companies that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood (the largest provider of abortions in the U.S.)

Producers &
Distributors, including
Media Cos., Hotels,
Retail, Internet & Cable
Providers

The screening process eliminates approximately 150 of the companies in the Russell 3000® Index, leaving 95% of this universe eligible for investment.



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

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