

## EARNEST Partners, LLC

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Style: US Mid Cap Value  
Sub-Style: Traditional Value  
Firm AUM: \$20.1 billion  
Firm Strategy AUM: \$64.0 billion

Year Founded: 1998  
GIMA Status: Approved  
Firm Ownership: Employee-Owned  
Professional-Staff: 46

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Earnest Partners, LLC's Mid Cap Value equity investment strategy employs a fundamental, bottom-up approach as it seeks to outperform its benchmark, the Russell Mid Cap Value Index, while seeking to manage volatility and risk. Earnest implements this philosophy using an internally developed screening process called Return Pattern Recognition®, thorough fundamental analysis and effective risk management. Earnest screens the Mid Cap universe to identify stocks it believes are likely to add value based on their financial characteristics and the current environment. Earnest seeks companies with developed strategies, solid management teams, sufficient funding and strong financial results. Earnest's process may, at times, result in portfolios that will be over/underweighted in particular sectors/industries versus the S&P 500 Index.

## TARGET PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Number of stock holdings:	55 to 65
Average dividend yield:	Similar to/Below the S&P 500
P/E ratio:	Similar to/Below the S&P 500
Cash level over market cycle:	0 to 5%
Risk (standard deviation):	Similar to/Above the S&P 500
Average turnover rate:	25 to 30%
Use ADRs:	No
Capitalization:	Large, Medium and Small companies

## PORTFOLIO'S EQUITY SECTOR WEIGHTINGS \* \*

	-----03/16-----		09/15
Sector	Earnest	Index***	Earnest
Energy	2.23	8.31	3.49
Materials	12.49	6.09	12.19
Industrials	11.34	9.75	11.74
Consumer Discretionary	15.99	8.39	14.34
Consumer Staples	0.00	4.43	0.00
Health Care	9.70	5.64	11.38
Financials	24.86	32.97	25.03
Information Technology	17.51	9.52	20.83
Telecomm Services	0.00	1.68	0.00
Utilities	1.03	13.23	1.00
Cash/Cash Equivalents	4.85	0.00	0.00

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS \*

	-----03/16-----	09/15	
	Earnest	Index***	Earnest
Number of stock holdings	55	554	55
Wtd avg dividend yield	1.6%	2.4%	1.6%
Wtd avg P/E ratio <sup>1</sup>	20.64x	18.40x	18.50x
Wtd avg portfolio beta	3.00	—	1.00
Mega capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Large capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	40.2%	0.0%
Medium capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	55.8%	0.0%
Small capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%
Micro capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

## PORTFOLIO'S TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS \*

	%
TJX Companies, Inc	4.0
Snap-on Incorporated	2.5
Intuit Inc	3.0
American Tower Corporation	3.6
Express Scripts Holding Company	2.6

## % PROCESS BASED ON

0	Asset allocation - cash vs. stock
25	Industry or sector weighting
75	Stock Selection

## MANAGER'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- ☐ Top-down / portfolio structures based on economic trends  
☒ Bottom-up / portfolio structure based on individual securities

<sup>1</sup>The P/E used here is calculated by the harmonic mean.

\*Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

\*As represented by Earnest Partners, LLC.

\*\*\*Index : Russell Mid Cap VI

MANAGER'S INVESTMENT PROCESS	RISK CONSIDERATIONS	PORTFOLIO'S ALLOCATION HISTORY (%) * *				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The manager screens a broad universe of investments for those Earnest believes has the most potential to outperform</li><li>• Earnest focuses on managing the risk of significantly underperforming the assigned benchmark, through a focus on "downside deviation"</li><li>• The manager conducts thoughtful, in-depth fundamental reviews of prospective companies</li><li>• Earnest's investment professionals average over 20 years of experience in the investment field</li><li>• In addition to internal research, Earnest uses a network of experts to give unbiased observations on prospective investments</li></ul>	<p>Equity securities prices may fluctuate in response to specific situations for each company, industry, market conditions and general economic environment. Companies paying dividends can reduce or cut payouts at any time. Strategies that invest a large percentage of assets in only one industry sector (or in only a few sectors) are more vulnerable to price fluctuation than portfolios that diversify among a broad range of sectors. Investing in securities entails risks, including: The stocks of medium-sized companies are often associated with higher risk than stocks of larger companies, including higher volatility. Investing in smaller/mid-cap companies involves greater risks not associated with investing in more established companies, such as business risk, significant stock price fluctuations and illiquidity. Value investing involves the risk that the market may not recognize that securities are undervalued and they may not appreciate as anticipated. When investing in value securities, the market may not necessarily have the same value assessment as the manager, and, therefore, the performance of the securities may decline. Growth investing does not guarantee a profit or eliminate risk. The stocks of these companies can have relatively high valuations. Because of these high valuations, an investment in a growth stock can be more risky than an investment in a company with more modest growth expectations. Value investing does not guarantee a profit or eliminate risk. Not all companies whose stocks are considered to be value stocks are able to turn their business around or successfully employ corrective strategies which would result in stock prices that do not rise as initially expected.</p>					
			03/16	12/15	09/15	06/15
		U.S. Stocks	95	95	100	94
		Cash/Cash Equivalents	5	5	0	6

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## RISK/RETURN ANALYSIS - 3 YEARS ENDING 03/31/16

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (%) - PERIODS ENDING 03/31/16

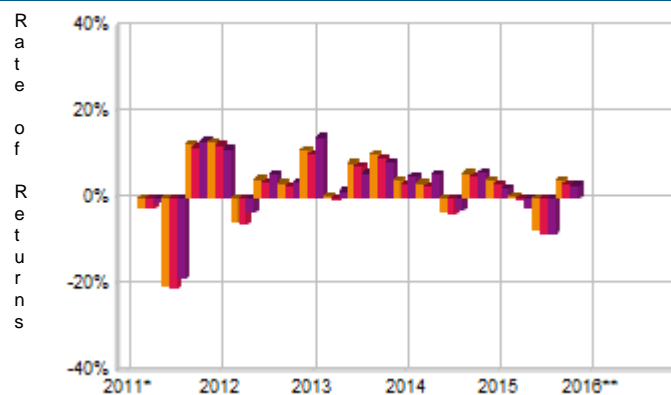
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	STD	ROR
■ Earnest (Gross)		
■ Earnest (Net)		
■ Russell Mid Cap VI		
■ 90-Day T-Bills		

INVESTMENT RESULTS	Annual Rates of Return (%)										10 Year - Ending 03/31/16	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Annual	Std. Dev.
Earnest (Gross)	11.36	7.50	-39.94	41.07	25.96	-4.92	16.18	33.27	10.91	1.16	0.00	0.00
Earnest (Net)	8.14	4.36	-41.98	37.21	22.42	-7.23	12.78	29.46	7.57	-1.81	0.00	0.00
Russell Mid Cap VI	20.21	-1.42	-38.44	34.21	24.75	-1.38	18.49	33.45	14.75	-4.79	7.23	19.84

## RISK VOLATILITY (%)



\*04/01/11-12/31/11

\*\*01/01/16-03/31/16

	Number Of	Up Qtrs.	Down Qtrs.
■ Earnest (Gross)		14	5
■ Earnest (Net)		12	7
■ Russell Mid Cap VI		14	6

## PORTFOLIO'S QUARTERLY RETURNS (%)

	Quarter1		Quarter2		Quarter3		Quarter4	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
2006	7.79	7.04	-3.21	-3.96	2.23	1.48	4.41	3.66
2007	1.83	1.08	7.71	6.96	-0.78	-1.53	-1.22	-1.97
2008	-7.34	-8.09	2.96	2.21	-11.20	-11.95	-29.11	-29.86
2009	-6.81	-7.56	20.83	20.08	18.50	17.75	5.72	4.98
2010	9.33	8.58	-9.12	-9.87	11.64	10.89	13.56	12.80
2011	7.73	6.98	-1.95	-2.27	-20.14	-20.76	12.71	11.98
2012	13.16	12.37	-5.24	-5.95	4.53	3.75	3.64	2.86
2013	11.12	10.33	0.52	-0.23	8.17	7.41	10.29	9.49
2014	4.15	3.34	3.56	2.77	-2.89	-3.64	5.89	5.11
2015	4.24	3.44	0.52	-0.23	-7.31	-8.00	4.16	3.43

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PORTFOLIO'S RISK STATISTICS - ENDING 03/31/16 <sup>1 2</sup>	PERIODS	
	3 Year	5 Year
Standard Deviation	N/A	N/A
Standard Deviation of Primary Benchmark	N/A	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	N/A	N/A
Sharpe Ratio of Primary Benchmark	N/A	N/A
Alpha	N/A	N/A
Beta	N/A	N/A
Downside Risk	N/A	N/A
R-Squared	N/A	N/A
Tracking Error	N/A	N/A
Information Ratio	N/A	N/A

## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION - R<sup>2</sup>(INCEPTION THROUGH 12/14)+

Earnest vs. Russell Mid Cap VI	R <sup>2</sup> N/A
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+Statistics are calculated using gross of fee performance only.

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2. Russell Mid Cap VI was used as the primary benchmark and the 90-Day T-Bills Index as the risk-free benchmark.

See important notes and disclosures pages for a discussion of the sources of the performance data used to calculate the performance results and related analyses shown above.

## IMPORTANT NOTES AND DISCLOSURES

## COMPOSITE DISCLOSURES

**Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Actual individual account results may differ from the performance shown in this profile. There is no guarantee that this investment strategy will work under all market conditions. Do not use this profile as the sole basis for your investment decisions.**

Performance results in this profile are calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income. Returns for more than one year are annualized and based on quarterly data. Returns for periods of less than a calendar year show the total return for the period and are not annualized.

**Related Performance (Manager's Composite):**

For periods before the date on which Morgan Stanley begins to calculate an applicable performance composite for actual Morgan Stanley program accounts, the performance composite and certain other information for this strategy (including the data on page 1 of this profile) are based on the investment manager's own composite and data. This composite includes accounts managed by the investment manager according to the same or a substantially similar investment strategy. To provide maximum information to you, the investment manager's own composite is linked to the Morgan Stanley composite to create a simulated continuous track record of performance information for the investment strategy. The investment manager's composite may include separately managed accounts, institutional accounts and/or mutual funds. Performance and other data for the investment managers composite may vary from that of Morgan Stanley accounts due to differences such as the availability and weighting of securities, trading implementation or client objectives. Morgan Stanley does not verify composite and other data provided by the investment manager and therefore does not guarantee its accuracy. Some of the accounts in the investment managers composite may have invested in the initial public offering ("IPO") market, whereas accounts held in Morgan Stanley programs do not do so. Since investment managers may use different methods of selecting accounts to be included in their composites and for calculating performance, returns of different investment managers may not be comparable.

**Related Performance:**

Earnest Partners, LLC's Mid Cap Value equity performance prior to 1/1/2011 represents a composite of all fully discretionary institutional mid cap value equity accounts. Non-fee paying accounts are not included in this composite. The composite does not employ leverage, was size-weighted and included approximately 15 accounts with a market value of \$1.23 billion as of 12/31/2005.

**Fiduciary Services Performance:**

In this profile, the performance from 1/1/2011 through June 2012 consists of accounts in either the Morgan Stanley or the Smith Barney form of the Fiduciary Services program. From July 2012, performance consists of all Fiduciary Services accounts managed by the investment manager in the strategy, subject to any other limitations stated in this profile. Performance composites calculated by Morgan Stanley include all fee-paying portfolios with no investment restrictions. New accounts are included upon the first full quarter of performance. Terminated accounts are removed in the quarter in which they terminate. Performance is calculated on a total return basis and by asset weighting the individual portfolio returns using the beginning of period values.

**Equity Account (Gross):** Earnest's gross results do not reflect a deduction of the investment advisory fees charged by Earnest, or program fees, if any, but are net of commissions charged on securities transactions.

**Net Performance for all Periods:** To demonstrate the effect of Morgan Stanley's fees that would have applied if you had invested in the investment manager strategy's through the Fiduciary Services program, the net results for all periods are calculated by deducting a quarterly fee of 0.75% (equivalent to an annual fee of 3%).

Morgan Stanley program fees are usually deducted quarterly, and have a compounding effect on performance. The Morgan Stanley program fee, which differs among programs and clients, is described in the applicable Morgan Stanley ADV brochure, which is available at [www.morganstanley.com/ADV](http://www.morganstanley.com/ADV) or on request from your Financial Advisor or Private Wealth Advisor.

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Fiduciary Services is a separately managed account program sponsored by Morgan Stanley. For periods for which sufficient data is available, the profile shows a composite of client accounts managed by the investment manager in the Fiduciary Services program. Through June 2012, Morgan Stanley offered the Fiduciary Services program through two channels - the Morgan Stanley channel and the Smith Barney channel. For periods through June 2012, any composite based on Fiduciary Services accounts consists of Fiduciary Services accounts managed by the manager in the strategy in either the Morgan Stanley channel or the Smith Barney channel. If the strategy or similar strategies were available in both the Morgan Stanley and Smith Barney forms of the program, through June 2012 this profile presents the composite for the strategy that is closest to the strategy currently offered in the Fiduciary Series program. If both strategies were equally close, this profile shows through June 2012 the longer of the two composites. From July 2012, any composite based on Fiduciary Services accounts consists of all Fiduciary Services accounts managed by the manager in the strategy, subject to any other limitations stated in this profile. Performance and other data for Fiduciary Services composites may differ from composites in other Morgan Stanley programs, and performance and data for composites in one channel may differ from composites in the other channel, due to differences such as the availability and weighting of securities, trading implementation or client objectives.

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For more information on the Focus List, Approved List, and Watch processes, please see the applicable Morgan Stanley ADV brochure ([www.ms.com/adv](http://www.ms.com/adv)). Your Financial Advisor or Private Wealth Advisor can provide on request a copy of a paper entitled "GIMA: At A Glance".

## ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

The information about a representative account is for illustrative purposes only. Actual account holdings, performance and other data will vary depending on the size of an account, cash flows within an account, and restrictions on an account. Holdings are subject to change daily. The information in this profile is not a recommendation to buy, hold or sell securities.

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## INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

### 90-Day T-Bills

The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interest earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

### Russell Mid Cap VI

The Russell Mid Cap Value Index contains Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value Index.

### S&P 500

The S&P 500 Total Return has been widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market since the index was first published in 1957. The index has over \$5.58 trillion benchmarked, with index assets comprising approximately \$1.31 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% coverage of U.S. equities. This index includes dividend reinvestment.

**Indices are unmanaged and have no expenses. You cannot invest directly in an index.**

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Alpha** is a mathematical estimate of risk-adjusted return expected from a portfolio above and beyond the benchmark return at any point in time.

**American Depositary Receipts (ADRs)** are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation held in the vault of a U.S. bank.

**Average Portfolio Beta** is a measure of the sensitivity of a benchmark or portfolio's rates of return to changes against a market return. The market return is the S&P 500 Index. It is the coefficient measuring a stock or a portfolio's relative volatility.

**Beta** is a measure of the sensitivity of a portfolio's rates of return to changes in the market return. It is the coefficient measuring a stock or a portfolio's relative volatility.

**Bottom-Up Stock Selection** Emphasis primarily on individual stock selection. Considerations of economic and industry factors are of secondary importance in the investment decision-making process.

**Capitalization** is defined as the following: Mega (Above \$100 billion), Large (\$12 to \$100 billion), Medium (\$2.5 - \$12 billion), Small (\$.50 - \$2.5 billion) and Micro (below \$.50 billion).

**Dividend** a portion of a company's profit paid to common and preferred shareholders.

**Downside Risk** is a measure of the risk associated with achieving a specific target return. This statistic separates portfolio volatility into downside risk and upside uncertainty. The downside considers all returns below the target return, while the upside considers all returns equal to or above the target return.

**Duration** is a measure of price sensitivity expressed in years.

**High Grade Corporate Bonds** corporate bonds from issuers with credit ratings of AA or AAA.

**Information Ratio** is a measure of the investment manager's skill to add active value against a given benchmark relative to how stable that active return has been. Essentially, the information ratio explains how significant a manager's alpha is. Therefore, the higher the information ratio, the more significant the alpha.

**Investment Grade Bonds** are those rated by Standard & Poor's AAA (highest rated), AA, A or BBB (or equivalent rating by other rating agencies or, in the case of securities not rated, by the investment manager).

**Price/Book Ratio (P/B)** weighted average of the stocks' price divided by book value per share. Book value per share is defined as common equity, including intangibles, divided by shares outstanding times the adjustment factor.

**Price/Cash Flow Ratio** a ratio used to compare a company's market value to its cash flow. It is calculated by dividing the company's market cap by the company's operating cash flow in the most recent fiscal year (or the most recent four fiscal quarters); or, equivalently, divide the per-share stock price by the per-share operating cash flow.

**Price/Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio)** shows the multiple of earnings at which a stock sells. Determined by dividing current stock price by current earnings per share (adjusted for stock splits). Earnings per share for the P/E ratio are determined by dividing earnings for past 12 months by the number of common shares outstanding. The P/E ratio shown here is calculated by the harmonic mean.

**Price/Sales Ratio** determined by dividing current stock price by revenue per share (adjusted for stock splits). Revenue per share for the P/S ratio is determined by dividing revenue for past 12 months by number of shares outstanding.

**R<sup>2</sup> (R-Squared)/Portfolio Diversification** indicates the proportion of a security's total variance that is benchmark-related or is explained by variations in the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio** measures the efficiency, or excess return per unit of volatility, of a manager's returns. It evaluates managers' performance on a volatility-adjusted basis.

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of historical variability or spread of returns around a mathematical average return that was produced by the investment manager over a given measurement period. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability in the investment manager's returns relative to its average return.

**Top-Down/Economic Analysis** Emphasis primarily on macroeconomic trends as opposed to bottom-up stock selection.

**Tracking Error** represents the standard deviation of the difference between the performance of the investment strategy and the benchmark. This provides a historical measure of the variability of the investment strategy's returns relative to its benchmark.

**U.S. Treasury Bonds** a marketable, fixed interest U.S. government debt security with a maturity of more than 10 years. Treasury bonds make interest payments semi-annually and the income that holders receive is only taxed at the federal level.

**Volatility** a measure of risk based on the standard deviation of the asset return. Volatility is a variable that appears in option pricing formulas, where it denotes the volatility of the underlying asset return from now to the expiration of the option. There are volatility indexes. Such as a scale of 1-9; a higher rating means higher risk.