

## Ark Investment Management LLC

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Style: US Large Cap Growth  
Sub-Style: Aggressive Growth  
Firm AUM: \$15.4 billion  
Firm Strategy AUM: \$7.1 billion

Year Founded: 2013  
GIMA Status: Approved  
Firm Ownership: No Firm Ownership Selected  
Professional-Staff: 25

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

ARK believes innovation is key to growth. We seek to capture long-term outperformance and capital appreciation created by disruptive innovation. Rooted in over 40 years of experience, we aim to identify large-scale investment opportunities resulting from technological innovations such as robotics, big data, machine learning, block chain technology, cloud computing, energy storage, and DNA sequencing. We seek to achieve long-term alpha by: •Focusing solely on disruptive innovations. •Investing in the leaders, enablers, and beneficiaries of disruptive technologies. •Utilizing an Open Research Ecosystem that combines top-down and bottom-up research, designed to identify innovation early and convergence across markets. •Offering strategies that span market capitalizations and sectors, creating low overlap to broad-market indices. ARK manages its strategy in a benchmark agnostic manner. However, ARK's portfolios generally have low overlap with traditional indices and high active share. Despite this, ARK often illustrates the performance of its portfolios relative to broad market indices, including the S&P 500 Index, Russell 3000 Growth Index, and the MSCI World Index. While most of the names in ARK's portfolio are either not part of broad-based indices or represent very small weights, ARK believes the companies it invests in will be prominent in such indices over a full market cycle. The Disruptive Innovation Strategy Inception Date was 10/31/2014. The date this strategy became available in the Morgan Stanley Select UMA Program was 07/30/2020

### MANAGER'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

### TARGET PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Number of stock holdings:	30 to 50
P/E ratio:	—
Cash level over market cycle:	0 to 5%
Risk (standard deviation):	—
Average turnover rate:	55 to 80%
Use ADRs:	2 to 15%
Capitalization:	Mega, Large, Medium, Small and Micro companies

### PORTFOLIO'S EQUITY SECTOR WEIGHTINGS +

Sector	-----03/20-----		09/19
	Ark Investment	Index***	Ark Investment
Energy	0.00	0.15	0.00
Materials	0.00	1.33	0.00
Industrials	4.76	8.56	2.72
Consumer Discretionary	12.59	13.81	13.98
Consumer Staples	0.00	4.56	0.00
Health Care	29.49	16.18	30.27
Financials	2.62	3.08	2.68
Information Technology	30.57	38.52	31.38
Communication Services	14.97	11.12	12.54
Utilities	0.00	0.11	0.00
Miscellaneous	5.00	0.00	6.43

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

	-----03/20-----		09/19
	Ark Investments	Index***	Ark Investments
Number of stock holdings	34	1,699	—
Dividend Yield	—	1.4%	—
Distribution Rate	—	—	—
Wtd avg P/E ratio <sup>1</sup>	209.69x	23.40x	—
Wtd avg portfolio beta	1.24	—	—
Mega capitalization +	4.5%	58.8%	0.0%
Large capitalization +	38.5%	28.9%	0.0%
Medium capitalization +	26.3%	8.7%	0.0%
Small capitalization +	28.7%	3.0%	0.0%
Micro capitalization +	1.9%	0.4%	0.0%

### PORTFOLIO'S TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

	%
TESLA INC	10.6
ILLUMINA INC	7.9
SQUARE INC - A	7.6
CRISPR THERAPEUTICS AG	5.1
GRAYSCALE BITCOIN TRUST BTC	5.0

### % PROCESS BASED ON

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

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

+Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

\*\*\*Index : Russell 3000 Gr

Real Estate/REITs	0.00	2.59	0.00
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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Index : Russell 3000 Gr

**MANAGER'S INVESTMENT PROCESS**

• ARK's investment process initially examines from the top-down how the world is changing and where it is headed. By anticipating and quantifying multi-year value-chain transformations, typically caused by technologically enabled disruptive innovation, ARK believes it can capitalize on these opportunities and potentially provide significant outperformance to its investors. To understand quickly changing innovation themes, ARK employs an open research strategy to gather information, both helping to define and refine its internal research process. Inputs include theme developers who are thought leaders in their fields, social media interactions, and crowd-sourced insights as people respond to ARK's public research. Using this information in an iterative fashion, ARK's analysts work with the Director of Research and CIO to "size" and "re-size" the opportunities. As a result of extensive and iterative research steps, ARK anticipates and quantifies multi-year value-chain transformations and market opportunities. ARK models cost-curves and calculates elasticity of demand to identify entry points for tech-enabled disruption. Through this process, specific companies percolate to the top as best positioned to potentially benefit from the identified investment premise, at which point we begin our bottom-up process. ARK's bottom-up analysis begins with the aforementioned, distilled group of potential investments, not a benchmark. ARK scores potential investments based on the following six key metrics, inputting the values into a proprietary scoring system to quantify the companies in the context of the opportunity: 1. Company, People and Culture. 2. Execution of Objectives. 3. Moat or Barriers to Entry. 4. Product and Service Leadership. 5. Valuation: 5-Year Return (requires a 15% compound annual return hurdle rate) 6. Thesis Risk The fifth metric (i.e., a 5-year return) requires building out a revenue model for each company in the portfolio over the next five years. These models incorporate the company's unit volume growth, cost declines, market adoption and penetration, share count growth, and future multiples, arriving ultimately at a per share price five years from the current date that should be Higher than the current price if the company performs as anticipated.

**RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Investing in securities entails risks, including: Equity portfolios are subject to the basic stock market risk that a particular security, or securities in general, may decrease in value. 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. Bonds rated below investment grade may have speculative characteristics and present significant risks beyond those of other securities, including greater credit risk and price volatility in the secondary market. Investors should be careful to consider these risks alongside their individual circumstances, objectives and risk tolerance before investing in high-yield bonds. If a strategy expects to hold a concentrated portfolio of a limited number of securities, it should be noted that a decline in the value of these investments would cause the portfolio's overall value to decline to a greater degree than that of a less concentrated portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO'S ALLOCATION HISTORY (%)<sup>+</sup>**

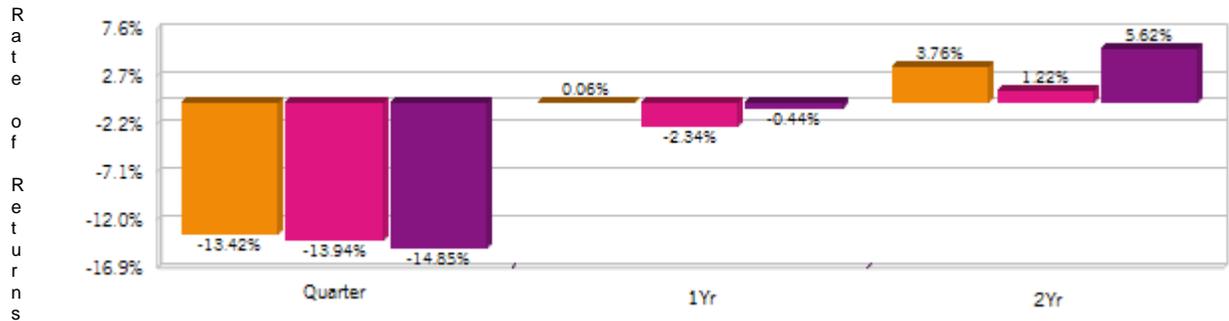
	03/20	12/19	09/19	06/19
U.S. Stocks	97	96	96	0
ADRs	3	4	4	0

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.

RISK/RETURN ANALYSIS - 3 YEARS ENDING 03/31/20

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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (%) - PERIODS ENDING 03/31/20

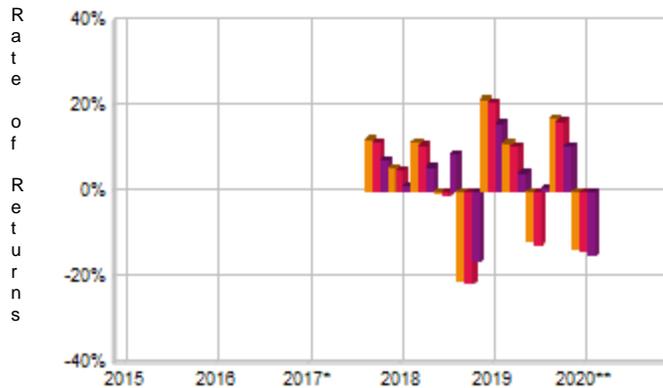


	STD	ROR
Ark Investments (Gross)		
Ark Investments (Net)		
Russell 3000 Gr		
90-Day T-Bills		

INVESTMENT RESULTS	Annual Rates of Return (%)			2 Year - Ending 03/31/20	
	2017*	2018	2019	Annual	Std. Dev.
Ark Investments (Gross)	12.45	-6.55	40.68	3.76	0.00
Ark Investments (Net)	11.78	-8.88	37.36	1.22	0.00
Russell 3000 Gr	7.61	-2.12	35.85	5.62	0.00

\*10/01/2017-12/31/2017

RISK VOLATILITY (%)



\*10/01/2017-12/31/2017 \*\*01/01/20-03/31/20

	Number Of	Up Qtrs.	Down Qtrs.
Ark Investments (Gross)		6	4
Ark Investments (Net)		6	4
Russell 3000 Gr		8	2

PORTFOLIO'S QUARTERLY RETURNS (%)

	Quarter1		Quarter2		Quarter3		Quarter4	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
2017							12.45	11.78
2018	5.73	5.13	11.67	10.98	-0.16	-0.79	-20.73	-21.28
2019	21.73	21.05	11.54	10.86	-11.65	-12.20	17.28	16.58
2020	-13.42	-13.94						

Related Select UMA

PORTFOLIO'S RISK STATISTICS -€<sup>1</sup> PERIODS ENDING 03/31/20<sup>1 2</sup>

	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)+

Ark Investments vs. Russell 3000 Gr	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 3000 Gr was used as the primary benchmark and the 90-Day T-Bills Index as the risk-free benchmark.

## IMPORTANT NOTES AND DISCLOSURES

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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 3000 Gr

The Russell 3000 Growth Index is representative of those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks in this index are also members of either the Russell 1000 Growth Index or the Russell 2000 Growth 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).

**Distribution Rate** is defined as the most recent distribution paid, annualized, and then divided by the current market price. Distribution rate may consist of investment income, short-term capital gains, long-term capital gains, and /or returns of capital.

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

**Dividend Yield** annual dividend per share divided by price per share. Dividend Yield for the portfolio is a weighted average of the results for the individual stocks in the portfolio.

**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' 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.

**R2 (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.