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Style: MLP/Energy Infrastructure  
Sub-Style:  
Firm AUM: \$13 billion  
Firm Strategy AUM: \$1.9 billion^

Year Founded: 2002  
GIMA Status: Focus  
Firm Ownership: Salient Partners, L.P.  
Professional-Staff: 29

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

MLPs and midstream energy infrastructure companies have unique exposures to rates, equities, commodity prices, and other industry-specific trends. Given the size and skill of our MLP research team, Salient aims to identify and capitalize on mispricing's in individual securities (according to our analysts' valuation models) and create a portfolio with the potential to outperform the benchmark over a two to three year time horizon. We believe that our historic outperformance relative to the strategy's benchmark, the Alerian MLP Index (AMZ), is largely due to our focus on high quality midstream MLPs and general partners. Typically, midstream companies generate a large portion of their revenues through fee-based, multi-year contracts thereby limiting direct commodity exposure. Consequently, our analysts have a high degree of confidence regarding future cash flows and companies' abilities to potentially raise distributions. Many investors view MLPs as an income-oriented asset class, as the cash distributions may be attractive, especially in our current low interest rate environment. However, we view MLPs as a total return opportunity, and place particular emphasis on the growth potential within the industry. We believe that distribution growth is the primary driver of returns in the MLP space over the long-term. By emphasizing growth, we believe that our portfolio is also better positioned to perform in a rising interest rate environment.

### 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:     | 20 to 30                     |
| P/E ratio:                    | 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:        | 20 to 40%                    |
| Use ADRs:                     | —                            |
| Capitalization:               | Large and Medium companies   |

### PORTFOLIO'S EQUITY SECTOR WEIGHTINGS \*

| Sector    | -----06/18----- |          | 12/17   |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|---------|
|           | Salient         | Index*** | Salient |
| Energy    | 100.00          | 96.19    | 100.00  |
| Utilities | 0.00            | 3.81     | 0.00    |

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

|                                    | -----06/18----- |          | 12/17   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|
|                                    | Salient         | Index*** | Salient |
| Number of stock holdings           | 26              | 44       | 23      |
| Dividend Yield                     | 6.7%            | 8.0%     | 6.1%    |
| Distribution Rate                  | —               | —        | —       |
| Wtd avg P/E ratio <sup>1</sup>     | —               | 19.50x   | —       |
| Wtd avg portfolio beta             | —               | —        | 0.50    |
| Mega capitalization <sup>+</sup>   | 0.0%            | 0.0%     | 0.0%    |
| Large capitalization <sup>+</sup>  | 3.0%            | 53.6%    | 42.0%   |
| Medium capitalization <sup>+</sup> | 47.0%           | 35.7%    | 52.0%   |
| Small capitalization <sup>+</sup>  | 50.0%           | 8.9%     | 6.0%    |
| Micro capitalization <sup>+</sup>  | 0.0%            | 1.8%     | 0.0%    |

### PORTFOLIO'S TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

|                                   | %   |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Enterprise Products Partners L.P. | 9.4 |
| Energy Transfer Equity LP         | 8.1 |
| MPLX, L.P.                        | 6.9 |
| Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. | 6.0 |
| Shell Midstream Partners, L.P.    | 5.6 |

### % PROCESS BASED ON

- 5 Asset allocation - cash vs. stock  
10 Industry or sector weighting  
85 Stock Selection

^As of 03/31/2018. Information as of 06/30/2018 is not yet available.

\*\*\*Index : Alerian MLP Index

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

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

**MANAGER'S INVESTMENT PROCESS**

- Intensive fundamental, bottom-up research process that involves building detailed models to understand an MLP's cash flow stability, commodity price sensitivity, growth profile, distribution coverage, cost of capital, leverage profile, and financing needs.
- After the models are build, the analysts apply five basic valuation techniques to better understand the security: dividend discount model, EBITDA multiples, distributable cash flow analysis, relative yield, and in some situations, a sum-of-the-parts analysis.
- After the research analysts perform their analysis, they give a general rating (buy, sell, hold) which is based primarily upon whether the MLP is overpriced or underpriced relative to the intrinsic value that is derived from the intensive modeling process described earlier.
- The analysts discuss these ratings in daily meetings along with the PMs and reach consensus on position weights and any additions or subtractions from the portfolio.
- After the analysts generate their ratings and before a security is added to the portfolio, the portfolio will undergo tests under various conditions and security weights. Key metrics the team analyzes include Beta, Correlation, Standard Deviation, Sharpe Ratio, and Treynor Ratio, with the ultimate goal being to maximize the potential total return of the portfolio per unit of risk assumed. Also important to this process is ensuring proper diversification across MLP risk factors including leverage and coverage as well as ensuring that the portfolio, as a whole, is positioned appropriately for current market conditions.

**RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) are limited partnerships or limited liability companies that are taxed as partnerships and whose interests (limited partnership units or limited liability company units) are traded on securities exchanges like shares of common stock. Currently, most MLPs operate in the energy, natural resources, or real estate sectors. Investments in MLP interests are subject to the risks generally applicable to companies in the energy and natural resources sectors, including commodity pricing risk, supply and demand risk, depletion risk and exploration risk. 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. 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. The stocks of small and medium-sized companies are often associated with higher risk than stocks of larger companies, including higher volatility. 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.

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

|                       | 06/18 | 03/18 | 12/17 | 09/17 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| U.S. Stocks           | 99    | 99    | 99    | 100   |
| Cash/Cash Equivalents | 1     | 1     | 1     | 0     |

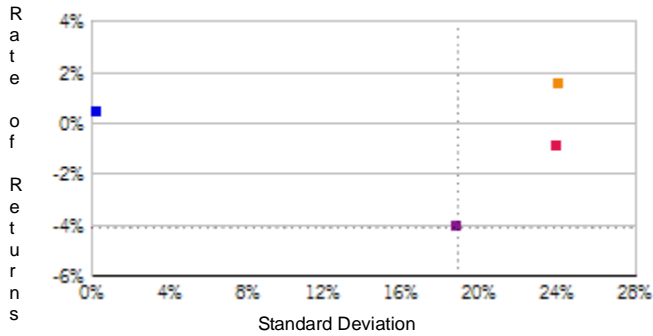
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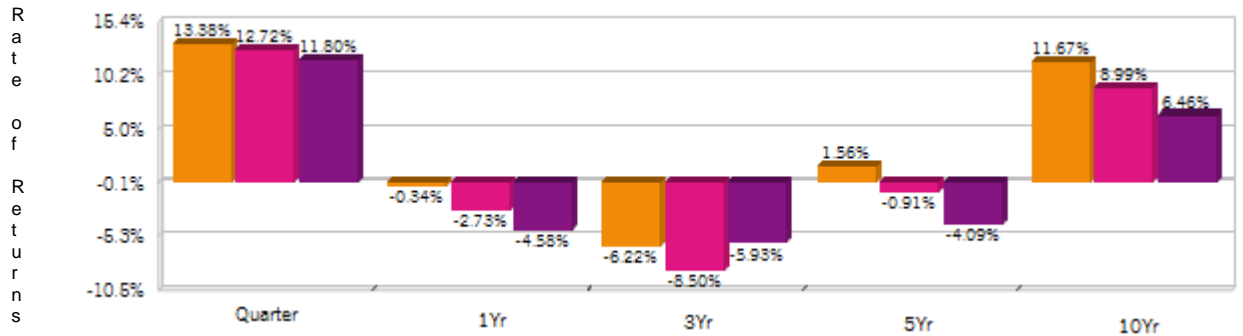
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RISK/RETURN ANALYSIS - 5 YEARS ENDING 06/30/18



|                   | STD   | ROR   |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Salient (Gross)   | 24.09 | 1.56  |
| Salient (Net)     | 23.99 | -0.91 |
| Alerian MLP Index | 18.83 | -4.09 |
| 90-Day T-Bills    | 0.26  | 0.39  |

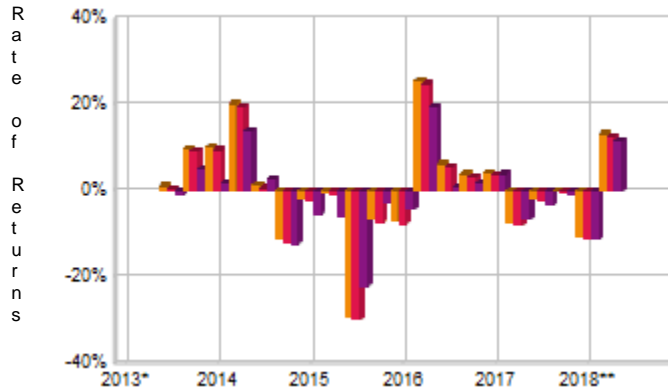
AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (%) - PERIODS ENDING 06/30/18



INVESTMENT RESULTS

|                   | Annual Rates of Return (%) |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       | 10 Year - Ending 06/30/18 |           |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                   | 2008                       | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015   | 2016  | 2017  | Annual                    | Std. Dev. |
| Salient (Gross)   | -46.14                     | 99.36 | 40.13 | 16.45 | 13.73 | 39.90 | 19.60 | -35.02 | 29.47 | -4.77 | 11.67                     | 25.01     |
| Salient (Net)     | -47.47                     | 94.96 | 36.80 | 13.67 | 11.02 | 36.60 | 16.66 | -36.58 | 26.25 | -7.11 | 8.99                      | 24.91     |
| Alerian MLP Index | -36.92                     | 76.41 | 35.85 | 13.88 | 4.80  | 27.58 | 4.80  | -32.59 | 18.31 | -6.52 | 6.46                      | 21.06     |

RISK VOLATILITY (%)



\*07/01/13-12/31/13      \*\*01/01/18-06/30/18

|                   | Number Of | Up Qtrs. | Down Qtrs. |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Salient (Gross)   | 11        | 9        | 9          |
| Salient (Net)     | 10        | 10       | 10         |
| Alerian MLP Index | 9         | 11       | 11         |

PORTFOLIO'S QUARTERLY RETURNS (%)

|      | Quarter1 |        | Quarter2 |       | Quarter3 |        | Quarter4 |        |
|------|----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|      | Gross    | Net    | Gross    | Net   | Gross    | Net    | Gross    | Net    |
| 2008 | -9.06    | -9.64  | -1.24    | -1.81 | -22.03   | -22.54 | -23.08   | -23.56 |
| 2009 | 16.24    | 15.62  | 21.49    | 20.83 | 16.43    | 15.80  | 21.24    | 20.51  |
| 2010 | 9.55     | 8.87   | 5.20     | 4.56  | 11.30    | 10.65  | 9.25     | 8.60   |
| 2011 | 7.95     | 7.29   | -0.59    | -1.19 | -6.86    | -7.45  | 16.52    | 15.85  |
| 2012 | 4.48     | 3.85   | -3.67    | -4.26 | 12.69    | 12.04  | 0.28     | -0.34  |
| 2013 | 20.97    | 20.30  | 3.94     | 3.31  | 1.16     | 0.53   | 9.99     | 9.33   |
| 2014 | 10.24    | 9.58   | 20.39    | 19.68 | 1.44     | 0.78   | -11.16   | -11.73 |
| 2015 | -1.49    | -2.11  | -0.08    | -0.66 | -29.35   | -29.80 | -6.56    | -7.09  |
| 2016 | -6.87    | -7.53  | 25.62    | 24.94 | 6.44     | 5.79   | 3.98     | 3.30   |
| 2017 | 4.33     | 3.71   | -7.19    | -7.77 | -1.78    | -2.38  | 0.13     | -0.52  |
| 2018 | -10.62   | -11.15 | 13.38    | 12.72 |          |        |          |        |

Related      Select UMA

PORTFOLIO'S RISK STATISTICS - PERIODS ENDING 06/30/18<sup>1 2</sup>

|   | 3 Year | 5 Year |
|---|--------|--------|
| Standard Deviation                      | 27.13% | 24.09% |
| Standard Deviation of Primary Benchmark | 21.10% | 18.83% |
| Sharpe Ratio                            | -0.25  | 0.05   |
| Sharpe Ratio of Primary Benchmark       | -0.31  | -0.24  |
| Alpha                                   | 2.40%  | 7.73%  |
| Beta                                    | 1.27   | 1.24   |
| Downside Risk                           | 5.22%  | 4.01%  |
| R-Squared                               | 0.97   | 0.93   |
| Tracking Error                          | 7.31%  | 7.64%  |
| Information Ratio                       | -0.04  | 0.74   |

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

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Salient vs. Alerian MLP Index | R <sup>2</sup><br>0.95 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|

1. Statistics are calculated using gross of fee performance only.  
2. Alerian MLP Index was used as the primary benchmark and the 90-Day T-Bills Index as the risk-free benchmark.

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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.

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**Related Performance:**

September 2017. Salient Capital Advisors, LLC. Returns are from the Salient MLP SMA Composite and reflect the reinvestment of dividends, interest, and other earnings. Beginning January 1, 2016, the minimum account size for the composite is \$250,000. Prior to 2016, the minimum account size for the composite was \$500,000. Beginning in January 1, 2009, any account with an inflow or outflow greater than or equal to 25% will be excluded from the composite during that month. The account will be re-included into the composite once fully invested with no more than 20% cash. The composite was created in January 2006, and performance prior to January 2011 represents the performance record established by the portfolio manager while affiliated with prior firms. Performance shown represents total returns that include income, realized and unrealized gains and losses. Net of free performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual management fee of 1.00%, applied monthly.

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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.

### Alerian MLP Index

The Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for this emerging asset class. The index, which is calculated using a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted methodology, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (NYSE: AMZ), and the corresponding total-return index is disseminated daily through ticker AMZX. Relevant data points such as dividend yield are also published daily.

### 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'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.

**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.