

## EVOLUTION

## Essex Evolution Strategy

### Investment Objective

We believe that technological progress is unstoppable and accelerating as is the impact it has on other industries.

Our investment philosophy centers around detecting changes early and being first to invest.

Essex Evolution Strategy aims to uncover small and mid-sized companies that exhibit the potential for meaningful growth over time.

The Strategy is long-only, concentrated within 40-70 names and is sector agnostic.

### Investment Team



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### About Essex

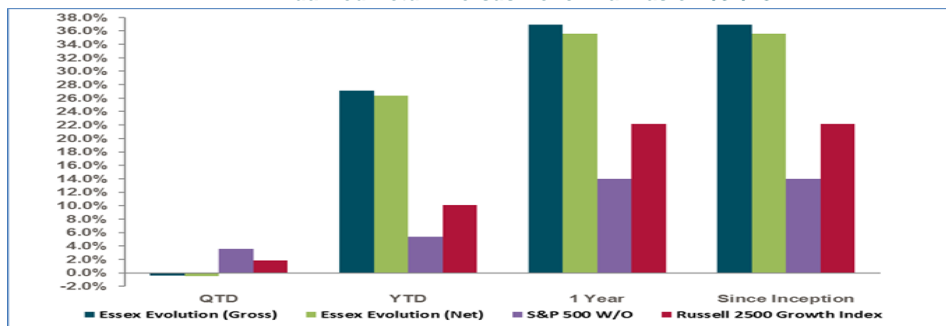
Essex Investment Management, founded in 1976, has a singular focus as a boutique growth manager offering portfolio management services to both institutions and high net worth individuals. As of quarter end, Essex has 19 employees of whom 11 are investment professionals.

### Composite Returns as of 7/31/18

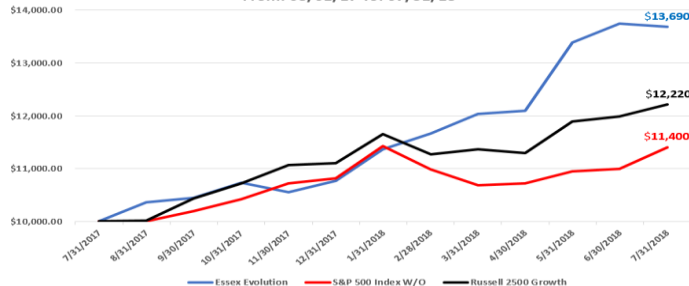
	Current Year		Annualized Returns	
	QTD	YTD	1 YR	Since Inception*
Essex Evolution (Gross)	- 0.4%	27.1%	36.9%	36.9%
Essex Evolution (Net)	- 0.5%	26.4%	35.6%	35.6%
Russell 2500 Growth Index	1.9%	10.1%	22.2%	22.2%
S&P 500 w/o Income	3.6%	5.3%	14.0%	14.0%

(\*Inception: 8/1/17)

### Annualized Return versus Benchmark as of 7/31/18



### Cumulative Growth of \$10,000 From: 08/01/17 To: 07/31/18



### Top Ten Holdings (7/31/18)<sup>(1)</sup>

Position	Weight
Mongodb	5.4%
Disney	3.2%
PetIQ	3.1%
Redfin	2.8%
Innovative Industrial Properties	2.6%
nLight	2.4%
Advanced Micro Devices	2.4%
Zscaler	2.3%
Athenex	2.2%
Spotify	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.6%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup>Top ten holdings and weightings for a typical Evolution Strategy portfolio

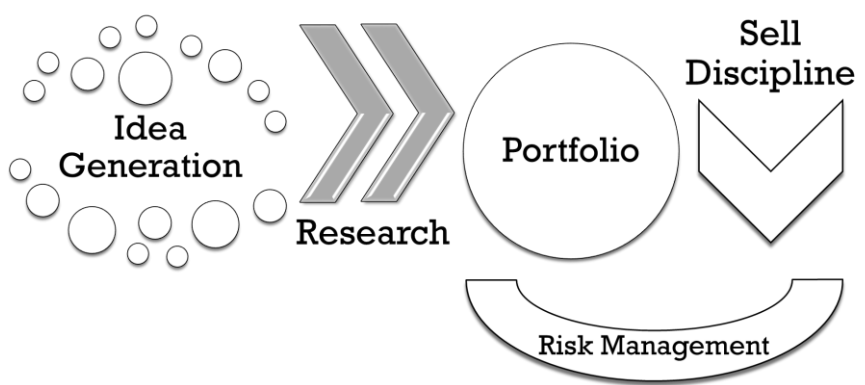
### Characteristics (7/31/18)<sup>(2)</sup>

	Essex Evolution Strategy	Russell 2500 Growth
Market Cap (\$M)		
Weighted Average	13,106	5,157
Median	2,630	1,350
Dividend Yield (%)	0.3	0.7
Price/Earnings	40.3	24.9
P/E using FY1 Est	24.1	20.0
Price/Cash Flow	8.7	16.5
Price/Book	3.4	4.6
Price/Sales	1.8	2.0

<sup>(2)</sup>Characteristics for a typical Evolution strategy portfolio

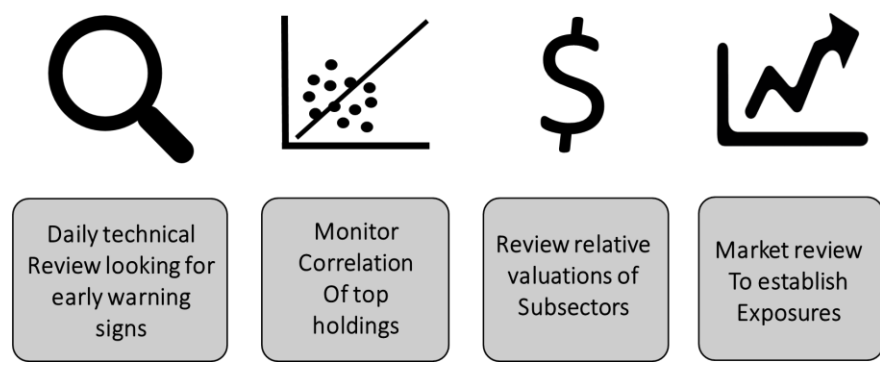
Risks of Essex Evolution portfolios: **Essex Evolution Composite** portfolio returns may show a high level of variability and volatility. In addition to market risk, additional risks in these portfolios may result from Essex's selection of specific securities, since individual holdings may represent a significant percentage of a portfolio's holdings from time to time. Sources: portfolio characteristics, top ten holdings and sector weights calculated internally by Essex. Performance Calculations: performance returns are of the **Essex Evolution Composite**, inception 8/1/2017. The Essex Evolution Composite includes all actual, fee-paying, fully discretionary accounts managed by Essex to seek capital appreciation by investing in growth companies without regard to market capitalization. In pursuing its objective, the Fund intends to invest in corporate and equity securities, some of which may be highly speculative. The use of leveraging, short positions and derivatives has not been used by any of the accounts. The Russell 2500® Growth Index consists of those securities in the Russell 2500® with a greater-than-average growth orientation, and includes reinvestment of dividends. The Russell 2500® Growth Index is a trademark of Russell Investments. Russell Investments is the owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to its respective indexes. The volatility of the indices may be materially different from the individual performance attained by a specific investor. In addition, the Adviser's/Fund's holdings may differ significantly from the securities that comprise the indices. The indices have not been selected to represent an appropriate benchmark to compare an investor's performance, but rather are disclosed to allow for comparison of an investor's performance to that of certain well-known and widely recognized indices. An index is unmanaged, does not incur fees or expenses, and cannot be invested in directly. Companies in this index tend to exhibit higher price-to-book and price/earnings ratios, lower dividend yields, and higher forecasted growth values. Composite returns include the reinvestment of dividends and are presented in USD. Gross performance results presented are net of transaction costs, withholding taxes and direct expenses, but before management fees, custody fees and other indirect expenses. Net performance results are presented net of the maximum applicable management fees, transaction costs, withholding taxes and direct expenses, but before custody fees and other indirect expenses. This composite does not incur any performance-based fees. Actual returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and any other additional fees and expenses. Essex's standard fee schedule is available on request and can be found in Part 2A of our Form ADV. Investment advisory fees are generally collected quarterly, which produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of management fees. The actual fee charged to an individual account may differ from the standard schedule depending on a number of factors including account type and size. Past composite performance is not necessarily predictive of how an investors' individual account will perform. Wherever the potential for profit exists, there is also a potential for loss.

## Investment Process



Idea Generation	Research	Sell Discipline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market cap \$50 million and up</li> <li>Screen for high quality stocks exhibiting improving financial performance</li> <li>Screen for catalysts using events for developing stage companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify reasons for improving fundamentals</li> <li>Identify and analyze catalysts</li> <li>Develop price targets using internal and external estimates</li> <li>Determine if anticipated growth is reflected in the stock price</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach target price</li> <li>Change in fundamentals</li> <li>Imbalance in risk reward</li> <li>Industry changes</li> <li>Other opportunities</li> </ul>

## Risk Management



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## Holdings Disclosures

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