

## Investment Objective

The Essex Research Strategy is co-managed by a team of investment professionals seeking growth equity opportunities across an all-cap universe. By employing fundamental top down economic and sector analysis with bottom-up stock picking skills, the strategy provides the investment team a wide framework in which to identify growth candidates regardless of market capitalization restraint.

## Investment Team



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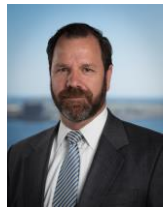
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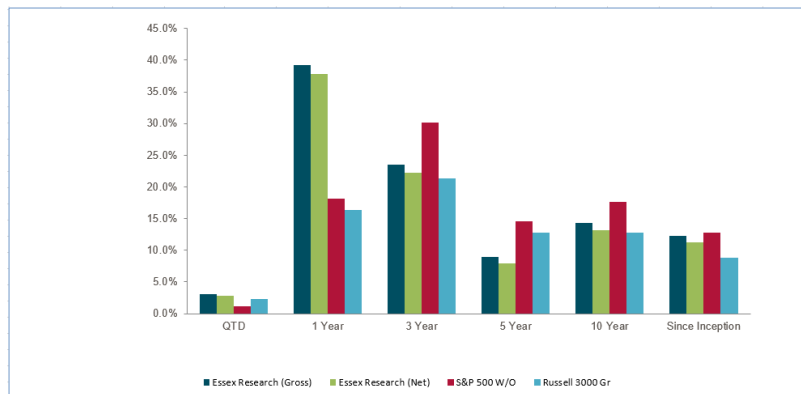
## Essex Research Strategy

### Composite Returns as of 12/31/25

	Current Year		Annualized Returns					Since Inception*
	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR		
Essex Research (Gross)	3.1%	39.2%	39.2%	23.5%	9.0%	14.3%	12.3%	
Essex Research (Net)	2.9%	37.9%	37.9%	22.3%	7.9%	13.2%	11.2%	
Russell 3000 Growth Index	1.1%	18.2%	18.2%	30.3%	14.6%	17.6%	12.8%	
S&P 500 w/o Income	2.3%	16.4%	16.4%	21.3%	12.8%	12.8%	8.8%	

(\*Inception: 2/1/05)

### Annualized Return versus Benchmark as of 12/31/25



### 5 Year Calendar Performance

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Essex Research (Gross)	40.0%	15.1%	-29.1%	8.8%	24.4%
Essex Research (Net)	38.7%	13.9%	-29.8%	7.7%	23.2%
Russell 3000 Growth	38.3%	25.9%	-29.0%	41.2%	32.5%
S&P 500 w/o Income	16.3%	26.9%	-19.4%	24.2%	23.3%

### Top Ten Holdings (12/31/25)<sup>(1)</sup>

Position	Weight
Tower Semiconductor	6.3%
Agnico Eagle	4.6%
Apple	4.6%
Goldman Sachs	3.6%
Sterling Infrastructure	3.5%
Amazon	3.3%
Globus Med	3.2%
HCI Group	3.0%
Ligand Pharmaceuticals	3.0%
Primoris	2.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.7%</b>

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

### Characteristics (12/31/25)<sup>(2)</sup>

	Essex Research Strategy	Russell 3000 Growth
Market Cap (\$M)		
Weighted Average	343,559	2,018,293
Median	10,884	2,353
Dividend Yield (%)	0.7	0.7
Price/Earnings	34.8	36.4
P/E using FY1 Est	24.7	27.8
Price/Cash Flow	14.0	27.9
Price/Book	5.2	12.6
Price/Sales	3.6	5.8

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

## About Essex

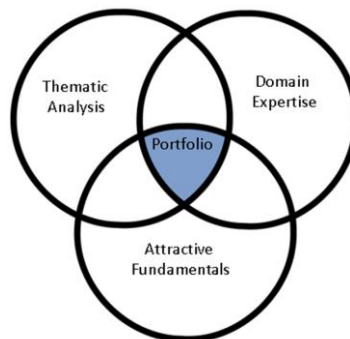
Essex Investment Management, founded in 1976, has a singular focus as a boutique growth manager offering portfolio management services to both institutions and high net worth individuals. As of quarter end, Essex has 14 employees of whom 8 are investment professionals.

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- **Essex's best investment ideas expressed in a concentrated portfolio managed with a long investment horizon**
- **The team is benchmark aware but not benchmark focused. The portfolio exhibits very high active share.**

## Investment Process



## What Are We Looking For:

- **Growth:** Revenue and earnings growth faster than the market.
- **Profitability:** Returns on capital exceeding the cost of capital.
- **Impact:** Technologies or services that solve the world's environmental challenges.
- **Competitive advantage:** An edge that allows sustainable growth and profitability.
- **Management quality:** History of effective capital allocation.
- **Valuation:** At least 25% upside to our target price.

## Themes Align With UN Sustainable Development Goals



### Smart City (Goal 11)

- LED street lighting
- Energy efficiency initiatives



### Medical Cost Containment (Goal 8)

- Healthcare IT
- Management and treatment



### Drug Discovery (Goal 8)

- Effective R&D to address major diseases
- Biosimilars



### Big Data/Cloud Based Computing (Goal 9)

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- E-commerce



### Efficient Transportation (Goal 13)

- Electric vehicle technologies
- Enhanced engine efficiencies

## Performance Disclosures

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The Essex Research Strategy representative account has been selected on the basis that its investment objective, historical performance record, and growth characteristics are consistent with those accounts in the Essex Research Strategy composite. The portfolio's trades are executed in accordance with all other accounts in the composite.

The representative account is fully discretionary and has been in the Essex Research Strategy for at least three years.

## Holdings Disclosures

The above information represents the top 10 holdings in the Essex Research Strategy as of 12/31/25 based on the aggregate dollar value. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for Essex Research Strategy, and the reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable. All information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy the securities mentioned.



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