

# Richard Bernstein Equity Strategy Fund (I)

A broadly diversified global equity allocation strategy that will go anywhere, but won't be everywhere.

Share Class

**ERBIX**

Symbol

**\$17.15** ▲\$0.00

NAV as of Apr 24, 2024



**Fact Sheet**

Mar 31, 2024



**Commentary**

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## A Focus on Beta Management<sup>1</sup>

A macrodriven top-down fund that seeks to invest across global equity markets. Piloted by Richard Bernstein, one of the most experienced and well-respected strategists in the industry, the Fund seeks to manage exposures based on both quantitative indicators and the sub-adviser's macro-economic analysis and judgment.

## Forward-Looking Themes

Driven by market themes that may differ from the consensus. The Fund seeks to identify potentially overlooked equity investment opportunities around the world.

## A Flexible Approach

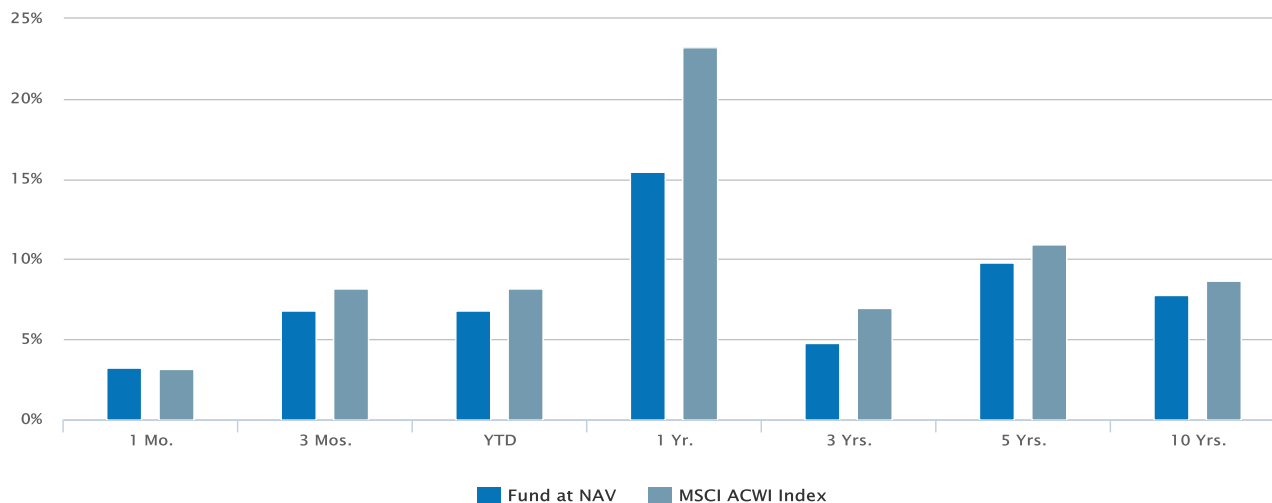
A broadly diversified,<sup>2</sup> opportunistic, style-agnostic fund that seeks to manage stock-specific and other market risks. The Fund is rebalanced as necessary to reflect desired market exposures and risk parameters.

## Overview

## Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

**03/31/2024**



Fund at NAV	3.24	6.83	6.83	15.47	4.76	9.81	7.78
MSCI ACWI Index <sup>3</sup>	3.14	8.20	8.20	23.22	6.95	10.90	8.65

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Fund's current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value (NAV) with all distributions reinvested. Returns for other classes of shares offered by the Fund are different. Performance less than or equal to one year is cumulative. The share class has no sales charge.

# Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

Performance Inception	10/12/2010
Investment Objective	Total return
Total Net Assets	\$716.0M
Expense Ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.02%
CUSIP	277902573

# Top 10 Holdings (%)<sup>5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

iShares MSCI China ETF	7.8
Microsoft Corp	4.1
iShares MSCI India ETF	4.1
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	4.0
Apple Inc	3.7
NVIDIA Corp	3.0
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	2.9
Amazon.com Inc	2.3
Meta Platforms Inc	1.4
Alphabet Inc	1.2
Total	34.5

## Portfolio Management

<a href="#">Dan Suzuki, CFA</a>	<a href="#">Managed Fund since 2021</a>
<a href="#">Richard Bernstein</a>	<a href="#">Managed Fund since inception</a>
<a href="#">Matthew Griswold, CFA</a>	<a href="#">Managed Fund since 2017</a>
<a href="#">Henry Timmons, CFA</a>	<a href="#">Managed Fund since 2017</a>

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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1. As used herein, beta is defined as a management style that focuses on market exposure in terms of asset classes, style, sector, geography, market capitalization, and other factors.

2. Diversification cannot ensure a profit or eliminate the risk of loss.

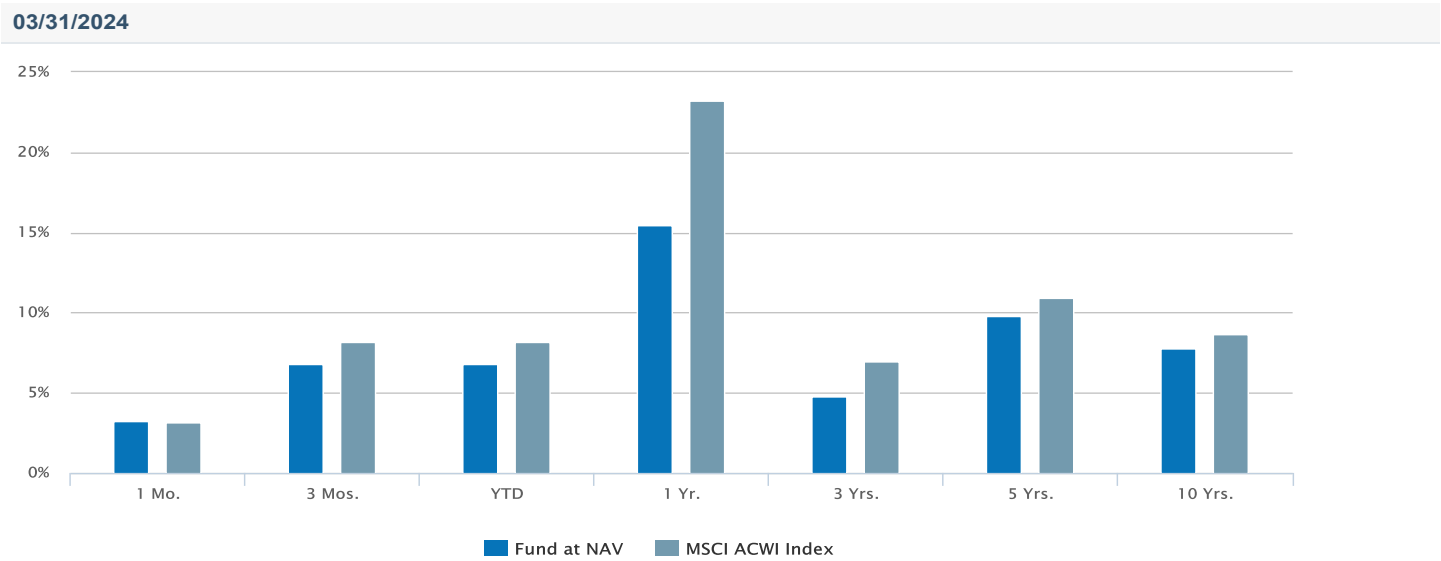
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4. Source: Fund prospectus.

5. Percent of total net assets.

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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund at NAV	2.90	-0.46	9.99	20.92	-11.70	25.67	16.48	17.49	-14.75	14.61
MSCI ACWI Index <sup>3</sup>	4.16	-2.36	7.86	23.97	-9.41	26.60	16.25	18.54	-18.36	22.20

Fund Facts

Performance Inception	10/12/2010
Expense Ratio <sup>4</sup>	1.02%
Distribution Frequency	Annually

Risk Measures (3 Year)<sup>6</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Alpha (%)	-1.47
Beta	0.90
R-Squared (%)	96.21
Standard Deviation (%)	15.24
Sharpe Ratio	0.14

Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

Time Period	Rating	Funds in Global Large-Stock Blend Category
Overall	★★★★	338

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3 Years	★★	338
5 Years	★★★	300
10 Years	★★★	202

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star.

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## NAV History

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 24, 2024	\$17.15	\$0.00
Apr 23, 2024	\$17.15	\$0.20
Apr 22, 2024	\$16.95	\$0.19
Apr 19, 2024	\$16.76	-\$0.06
Apr 18, 2024	\$16.82	\$0.01
Apr 17, 2024	\$16.81	-\$0.07
Apr 16, 2024	\$16.88	-\$0.10
Apr 15, 2024	\$16.98	-\$0.15
Apr 12, 2024	\$17.13	-\$0.26
Apr 11, 2024	\$17.39	\$0.10

## Distribution History<sup>7</sup>

Ex-Date	Distribution	Reinvest NAV
Dec 28, 2023	\$0.23270	\$16.41
Dec 27, 2022	\$0.13780	\$15.61
Dec 07, 2021	\$0.41810	\$19.11

No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years.

[Fund prospectus](#)

## Capital Gain History<sup>7</sup>

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 28, 2023		\$1.21260	\$16.41
Dec 27, 2022		\$0.79190	\$15.61
Dec 07, 2021	\$0.52670	\$1.58490	\$19.11

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6. Alpha measures risk-adjusted performance, showing excess return delivered at the same risk level as the benchmark. Beta measures the volatility of a fund relative to the overall market. R-Squared represents the percentage of the portfolio's movement that can be explained by the general movement of the market. Standard deviation measures the historic volatility of a fund. Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.
7. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

Portfolio

Asset Mix (%)<sup>5,8,9,10</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

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Portfolio Statistics

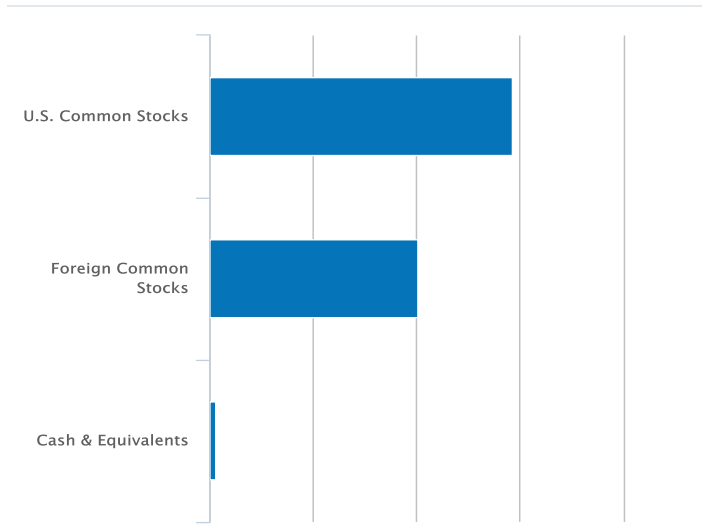
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Median Market Cap	\$48.0B
Price/Earnings Ratio	20.0
Number of Holdings	264
Price/Book Ratio	1.0

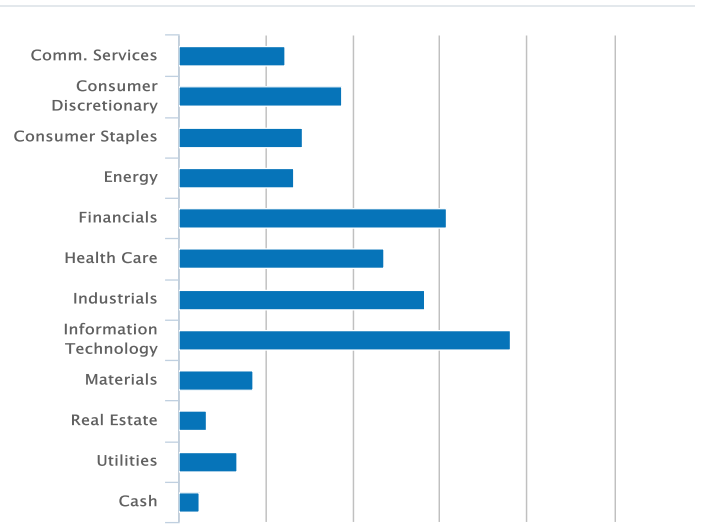
GICS Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>5,8,9,10</sup>

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U.S. Common Stocks	58.6
Foreign Common Stocks	40.3
Cash & Equivalents	1.2
Total	100.0



Comm. Services	6.13	7.56
Consumer Discretionary	9.39	10.90
Consumer Staples	7.14	6.43
Energy	6.57	4.55
Financials	15.38	16.06
Health Care	11.79	11.14
Industrials	14.10	10.80
Information Technology	19.10	23.68
Materials	4.30	4.23
Real Estate	1.62	2.20
Utilities	3.32	2.46
Cash	1.15	0.00

## Portfolio Characteristics (%)<sup>10,11</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

	Fund (%)	MSCI All Country World Index (%)
<b>Regions</b>		
U.S.	59.3	65.4
Developed	21.8	24.2
Emerging	18.9	10.4
<b>Style</b>		
Growth	51.0	54.7
Value	49.0	45.3
<b>Size</b>		
Large Cap	74.2	86.9
Mid Cap	16.9	12.2
Small Cap	9.0	0.9

## Assets by Country (%)<sup>5,8,9,10</sup>

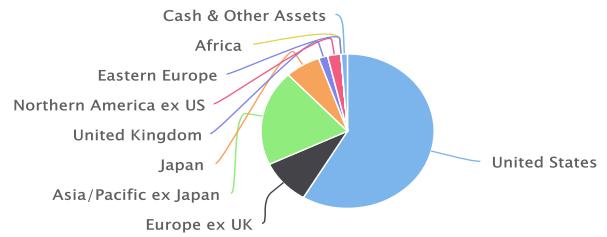
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United States	58.6
China	7.8
Japan	6.6
India	4.0
Taiwan	3.9
Korea	2.9
Canada	2.5
Germany	2.3
France	2.1
United Kingdom	1.7
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## Geographic Mix (%)<sup>5,8,9,10</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

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United States	58.6
Europe ex UK	9.4
Asia/Pacific ex Japan	20.1
Japan	6.6
United Kingdom	1.7
Northern America ex US	2.5
Africa	0.0
Eastern Europe	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Middle East	0.0
Cash & Other Assets	1.2

## Fund Holdings (%)<sup>5,12</sup>

as of Feb 29, 2024

Holding	% of Net Assets
iShares MSCI China ETF	7.78%
Microsoft Corp	4.11%
iShares MSCI India ETF	4.09%
Apple Inc	4.00%
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	3.82%
iShares MSCI South Korea Capped ETF	2.85%
MSILF GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO	2.78%
NVIDIA Corp	2.64%
Amazon.com Inc	2.26%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.43%
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5. Percent of total net assets.

8. The Fund may obtain exposure to certain market segments through investments in Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) and futures. For purposes of the asset breakdowns, allocations with respect to the Fund's investments in ETFs and futures are based on the underlying portfolio composition of each ETF and future as of the calendar quarter end.

9. Cash & Equivalents is calculated and presented net of any notional futures exposure.

10. The Fund may obtain exposure to certain foreign currencies through derivatives and/or forward contracts. These exposures may seek to hedge currency exposures and/or seek total return. These exposures are not reflected in the characteristic information shown.

11. Weightings are calculated using individual portfolio holdings (equity-only basis) and index constituent weights. Region is based on MSCI's country/region membership methodology and, with respect to the Fund's investments in ETFs, is based on the underlying portfolio composition of each ETF as of the calendar quarter-end. Size is based upon float-adjusted market caps and our own range definitions of Large Cap (greater than \$20B), Mid Cap (\$5B-\$20B) and Small Cap (less than \$5B), effective June 30, 2021. Prior to that, our range definitions were Large Cap (greater than \$10B), Mid Cap (\$2B-\$10B) and Small Cap (less than \$2B). Style is based upon S&P's Global Broad Market Style Indexes. Sources: Bloomberg, Axioma Inc., Standard & Poor's, MSCI. The S&P Global BMI Style Index uses three growth variables and four value variables to classify each stock in the universe as 100% growth, 100% value, or a mixture of both growth and value. This approach permits a stock to be classified, for example, as 60% growth and 40% value, for better securities classification and less index turnover by recognizing that companies may gradually move from one style to another over time.

12. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings. Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.

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## Management



## Biography

Daniel Suzuki is the deputy CIO at Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA), a registered independent investment adviser. He is responsible for portfolio strategy, asset allocation, investment management and marketing to major wirehouses and independent RIAs, and is a senior member of the RBA investment committee. He joined RBA in 2018.

Dan began his career in the investment management industry in 2002. Before joining RBA, he worked at Bank of America-Merrill Lynch in global research, most recently as a senior equity strategist. Prior to working in strategy, Dan was a fundamental equity research analyst covering the business services sector. He is a frequent guest on CNBC, Bloomberg TV, and is often quoted in leading financial publications including The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and Barron's.

Dan earned a B.S. from Duke University. He is a CFA charterholder.

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## Education

- B.S. Duke University

## Experience

- Managed Fund since 2021

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## Other funds managed

- [Richard Bernstein All Asset Strategy Fund](#)
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**Richard Bernstein**  
Founder, CEO and Chief Investment  
Officer  
Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC

## Biography

Richard Bernstein is the chief executive officer and chief investment officer of Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA), a registered independent investment adviser. As CIO, he leads RBA's Investment Committee, which manages all of the firm's investments, and performs executive management functions as CEO.

Mr. Bernstein founded Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA) in 2009. The firm utilizes a unique top-down approach to investing, focusing on macro trends rather than individual stock selection. RBA manages several accounts in partnership with several leading financial institutions.

Mr. Bernstein has over 35 years' experience on Wall Street, most recently as the chief investment strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch in 1988, he held positions at E.F. Hutton and Chase Econometrics/IDC.

A much-noted expert on equity, style and asset allocation, Mr. Bernstein was voted to Institutional Investor magazine's annual "All-America Research Team" 18 times, and is one of only 57 analysts inducted into the Institutional Investor "Hall of Fame." He was also twice named to both Fortune magazine's "All-Star Analysts" and to Smart Money magazine's "Power 30", and was a member of Registered Rep's "Ten to watch" for 2012. His book "Style Investing: Unique Insight into Equity Management" is widely viewed as the seminal book on style-oriented investment strategies. He donates the profits from that and his other book, "Navigate the Noise: Investing in the New Age of Media and Hype," to charity.

Mr. Bernstein is co-chair of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation endowment's Investment Committee and sits on the Hamilton College endowment's Investment Committee; he is a trustee of both institutions. He is also a former Adjunct Professor of Finance at the NYU/Stern Graduate School of business, and is a member of the Journal of Portfolio Management's Advisory Committee.

Rich holds an MBA in finance, with Beta Gamma Sigma distinction, from New York University, and a B.A. in economics from Hamilton College. He has lectured on finance and economics at numerous colleges, universities and professional forums.

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## Education

- B.A. Hamilton College
- M.B.A. Stern School of Business, New York University

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**Matthew Griswold, CFA**

Director of Investments, Portfolio Manager, Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC

### Biography

Matthew Griswold is the director of investments at Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA), a registered independent investment adviser. He oversees investment process design and implementation for all investment products. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for the firm's global equity and multiasset class funds. Matt joined RBA in 2010.

Matt began his career in the investment management industry in 1989. Previously, Matt was a vice president and portfolio manager at State Street Global Advisors, with responsibility for the design, execution and evaluation of both new and existing global investment strategies. His extensive portfolio management experience spans most major asset classes and includes both quantitative and fundamental investment disciplines. Matt assumed a wide variety of leadership positions within State Street in areas of portfolio construction, research, performance measurement, risk analysis, mutual fund administration and client service.

Matt earned a B.S. in industrial management from Carnegie Mellon University. He is a CFA charterholder and member of the CFA Society Boston.

### Education

- B.S. Carnegie Mellon University

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2017

### Other funds managed

- [Richard Bernstein All Asset Strategy Fund](#)



**Henry Timmons, CFA**

Senior Quantitative Analyst, Portfolio Manager, Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC

### Biography

Henry Timmons is director of ETFs at Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA), a registered independent investment adviser. He is responsible for asset allocation, portfolio construction, risk management and ETF research. Henry joined RBA in 2011.

Henry began his career in the investment management industry in 2005. Previously, he was a portfolio manager and quantitative analyst at Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC. While at GMO, he evaluated quantitative and fundamental sources of alpha as potential inputs to the investment process, while assisting in constructing and managing portfolios. Prior to GMO, Henry was a management consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where he designed forecasting models improving supply-chain management processes for various clients.

Henry holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering and an MEng in systems engineering and engineering management from Cornell University, and an MBA in finance from Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. He is a CFA charterholder.

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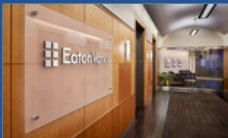
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