

### **Sector Select**

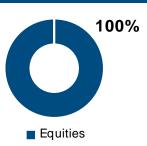
U.S. Growth Strategy - ETFs

# **Strategy Overview**

As of 3/31/25

Sector Select is an actively managed investment strategy designed to generate long-term growth. The strategy utilizes a proprietary scoring and selection process to actively allocate across U.S. sector ETFs. The strategy invests in sectors with higher risk-adjusted return potential and reduces or eliminates exposure to sectors with lower risk-adjusted return potential.

Primary Objective Long-Term Growth



## Active Management for a Changing Market

- People are living longer, and the road to financial security is only getting more complex. Investors require thoughtful solutions that properly balance the **financial tradeoff between portfolio growth and peace of mind**.
- The rise of the Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) marketplace has provided NorthCoast with one of the tools necessary to deliver investment products designed to manage this tradeoff. Utilizing a variety of ETFs, NorthCoast seeks provide investors with increased transparency, lower costs, and greater consistency.

### **Investment Process**

Focus on long-term growth while managing principal risk through the implementation of a systematic 3-step process

1 Score & Rank ETFs

Assess relative attractiveness of U.S. Sector ETFs based on quantitative attributes

Construct Portfolio

Select ETFs with the highest ranked riskadjusted appreciation potential Manage Risk

Monitor daily risk controls such as volatility, industry exposures and sell stops

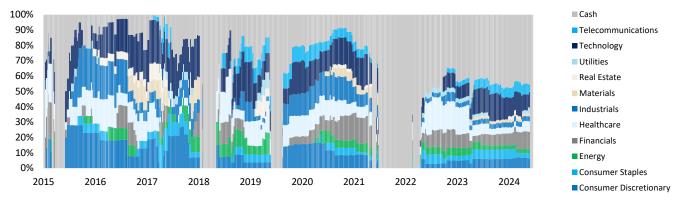
### **Strategy Benefits**

Complementary	Low correlation to standard equity benchmarks
Disciplined	Quantitatively researched and rules- based management
Transparent	Separately managed account (SMA) structure provides real-time account access

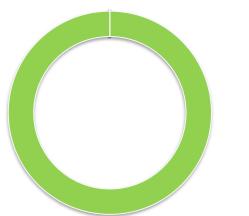
#### Management

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#### Historical Asset Allocation



#### Sample Asset Allocation



#### Sample Holdings



Modern Logic to ETF Selection Sector Select is part of NorthCoast's Select series, which utilizes our proprietary ETF Harmony® selection process

ETF Harmony® is the approach to identifying high potential investments by scoring each sector based on a combination of macroeconomic, sentiment, technical and valuation signals.

The list above is shown for informational purposes only. It can change and is not a recommendation to buy or sell any of these securities or to allocate a portfolio in this manner.

Total Performance (% Net)											Annualized Returns (% Net)						
	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 2025	Total Return	Growth of \$1,000,000	1-yr	3-yr	5-yr	Since Inception 11/1/2015
Sector Select	-0.2	4.1	22.9	-9.4	29.1	17.5	26.1	-12.6	16.7	20.7	-3.8	162.2	\$2,621,623	6.6	6.8	17.3	10.7
S&P 500	-1.4	11.2	21.1	-4.9	30.7	17.8	28.2	-18.5	25.7	24.5	-4.4	203.6	\$3,035,770	7.8	8.6	18.0	12.4

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Benchmarks - The S&P 500 Index is used for comparison purposes as it represents a sample of the 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. It is generally considered a proxy for the total market.

<sup>\* 2015</sup> performance results from 11/1/2015-12/31/2015.