# Team-Based Portfolio Management

The Investment Team is comprised of professionals with extensive experience in asset allocation, portfolio construction, analysis, trading, and manager research.

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Since 1987, our founders' rules-based buyand-sell disciplines have sought to help investors limit downside risk, grow their wealth, and achieve their investment goals.

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### **Disclosures**

Trailing Stop Discipline ("Discipline"). This proprietary Discipline has the objective of limiting the magnitude for portfolio drawdowns. The Discipline is based on a manual process that defines sell levels/signals for security holdings in decline, as measured by its price falling below the recent high of its lower band. These are not market orders. Ocean Park utilizes this Discipline directly in the management of non-affiliated holdings. Ocean Park invests in its affiliated Sierra Mutual Funds ("Funds") and the Discipline is applied at the Underlying Funds level, not on the Funds themselves. Please see our Form ADV Part 2A for information on conflicts of interest that exist as a result of Ocean Park investing in affiliated Funds.

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## Disciplined Risk Management

Our Truly Tactical, Rules-Based Investment Disciplines



## The Investment Management Team convenes every day to review all portfolios and all Buy and Sell signals.

#### WHEN TO BUY



#### **Trend Following**

- We evaluate buying opportunities when our quantitative decision rules identify an uptrend in the price of a security.
- An uptrend is determined by a security's price rising above both the recent low of its upper band and a secondary moving average.
- A security's bands are related to its historic volatility and are offset above and below a short-term exponential moving average.



#### WHAT TO BUY



### **Security Selection**

- We seek to buy securities exhibiting strong risk-adjusted returns during a recent uptrend.
- Additional metrics, such as strength of the recent uptrend, historical volatility, and correlation to existing holdings, are considered in portfolio construction.
- If there are multiple securities with buy signals in the same asset class, preference is towards buying securities with better, recent risk-adjusted performance.
- For multi-asset-class portfolios, if there are a number of securities with buy signals across different asset classes, risk and diversification are also considered, with the goal of preventing one asset class from having an outsized impact on the portfolio.

#### WHEN TO SELL



## **Trailing Stop Discipline**

- We will sell a security when our quantitative decision rules identify a downtrend in the price of a security.
- A downtrend is determined by a security's price falling below the recent high of its lower band – an event which triggers a sell signal.
- Our Trailing Stop Discipline seeks to limit the impact of a further decline in value of a security on the overall portfolio.
- Our Trailing Stop Discipline is applied across positions in each of our managed portfolios and monitored daily.
- When a position is sold, we may keep the proceeds in cash or buy another security.

