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## Biographies

Name and Position		Industry Experience	ClearBridge Tenure	Education, Experience and Professional Designations			
	Stephen Rigo, CFA Managing Director, Portfolio Manager	25 years	• Joined the firm in 2016	<ul> <li>ClearBridge Investments – Senior Portfolio Analyst</li> <li>ClearBridge Investments – Senior Research Analyst, Financials</li> <li>Moore Capital Management – Portfolio Strategist</li> <li>York Capital Management – Analyst, Financial Sector</li> <li>Green Arrow Capital – Senior Analyst, Financial Sector</li> <li>Friedman, Billings, Ramsey – Research Associate, Life Insurance</li> <li>B.S.B.A. in finance from Boston College</li> <li>Member of the CFA Institute</li> </ul>			
	Matthew Reardon Assistant Vice President, Client Portfolio Manager	5 years	• Joined ClearBridge in 2020	• B.A. in economics from the University of Michigan			



## **Executive Summary**

### ClearBridge Appreciation

**Goal:** To exceed the S&P 500 over a market cycle but to do so with materially less risk

**Why:** Delivering a better Sharpe Ratio than a passive allocation offers our clients flexibility to achieve an optimal asset allocation (the highest possible return relative to a desired level of risk)

#### What we believe:

There are businesses that have a proven franchise value that make them more resilient and durable. Identifying these businesses and the price at which they can be bought with attractive risk/reward have the potential to generate superior risk-adjusted returns over a market cycle.

### Risk Management Key to Compounding Returns

- The compounding of returns and generation of long-term alpha
   comes from avoiding the pitfall of large losses
- Stock selection and position sizing is at the heart of risk management and compounding returns
  - Appreciation Strategy is not averse to riskier securities; it balances the upside opportunity against the potential portfolio impact should an adverse outcome materialize

#### **Inefficiencies Occur in Markets**

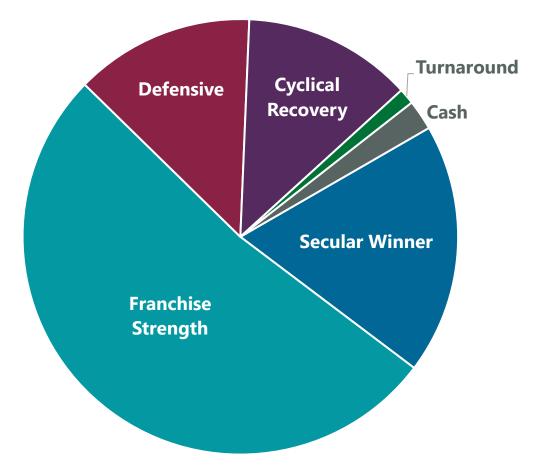
- In our view, markets habitually underestimate and underprice
   — the **duration** during which a leading company can perpetuate
   above-average growth and returns
  - Patient investors with stable capital and longer time horizons can exploit this inefficiency to generate excess return
- Inefficiencies also occur when diversity of thought breaks down (i.e., investors panic or get greedy all at once)
  - This creates **volatility** whereby investors with conviction in their analysis can capitalize



### Portfolio Construction

Franchise Strength & Secular Winners Makeup the Core

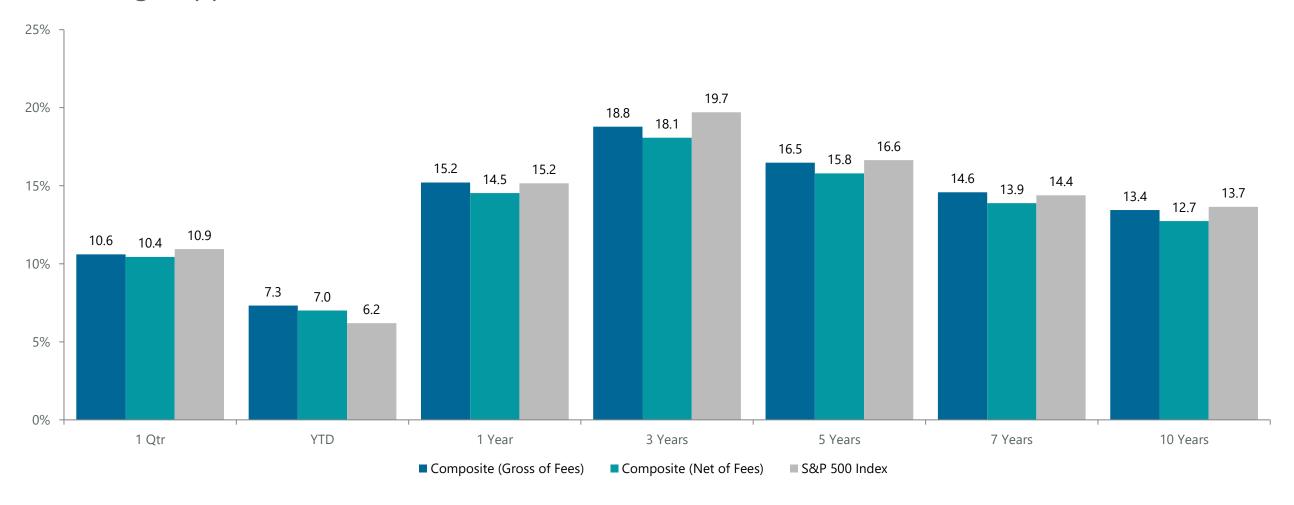
#### **Appreciation Portfolio: Weight by Style Category**



We will pay a premium for companies with sustainable growth characteristics provided they generate free cash flow and earnings and maintain a conservative balance sheet



## Average Annual Total Returns ClearBridge Appreciation – June 30, 2025



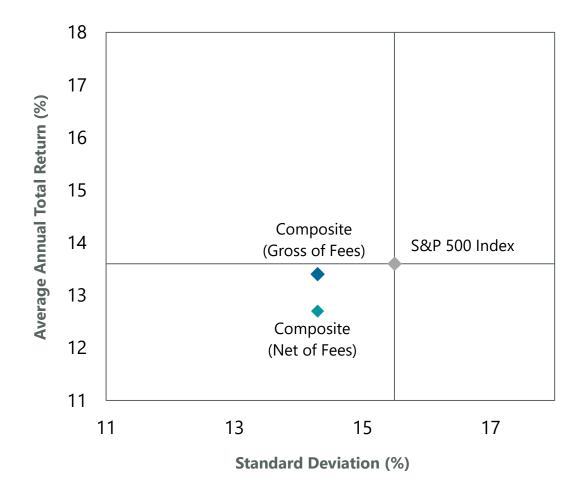


Performance is final as of June 30, 2025. Returns reflect the deduction of all trading expenses and the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Gross of fee returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees or any other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of fee returns are calculated using product investment advisory fees and are derived by deducting 1/12th of the maximum fixed fee rate in effect for the respective time period from the gross monthly composite return. Please see additional important information and GIPS Report in the Appendix. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance returns less than one year are not annualized.

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### Risk/Reward

### ClearBridge Appreciation – 10 Years Ending June 30, 2025



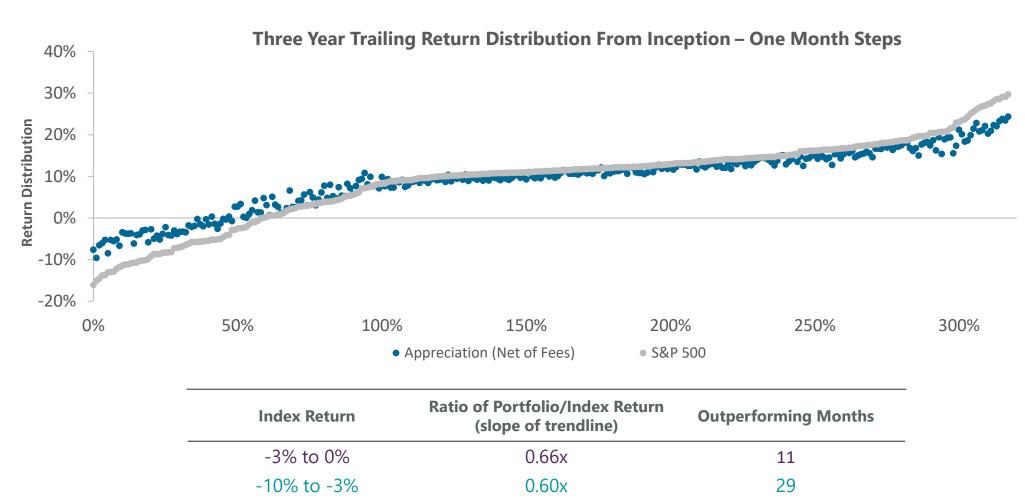
	Average Annual Total Return (%)	Average Annual Standard Deviation (%)
Composite (Gross of Fees)	13.4	14.3
Composite (Net of Fees)	12.7	14.3
S&P 500 Index	13.6	15.5



Source: FactSet. Returns reflect the deduction of all trading expenses and the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Gross of fee returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees or any other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of fee returns are calculated using product investment advisory fees and are derived by deducting 1/12th of the maximum fixed fee rate in effect for the respective time period from the gross monthly composite return. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see additional important information and GIPS Report in the Appendix.

## Consistent Risk Management

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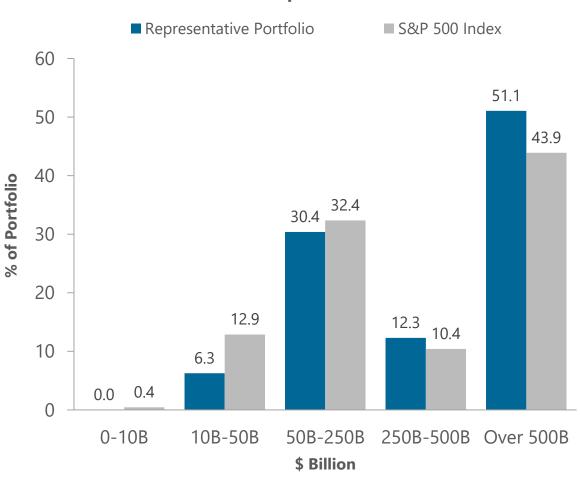
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# Portfolio Composition ClearBridge Appreciation – June 30, 2025

#### **Market Capitalization**



#### **Sector Weightings**

Sector	Representative Portfolio (%)	S&P 500 Index (%)	Relative Weight (%)
Information Technology	27.6	33.1	-5.5
Financials	15.6	14.0	1.6
Industrials	12.4	8.6	3.8
Communication Services	11.8	9.8	2.0
Consumer Discretionary	6.7	10.4	-3.7
Consumer Staples	6.5	5.5	1.0
Health Care	6.0	9.3	-3.3
Materials	5.2	1.9	3.3
Energy	3.4	3.0	0.4
Utilities	1.3	2.4	-1.1
Real Estate	1.0	2.0	-1.0
Cash	2.5	0.0	2.5



Top 10 Holdings ClearBridge Appreciation – June 30, 2025

Security	(%) of Total Representative Portfolio
Microsoft Corp	9.02
NVIDIA Corp	6.03
Apple Inc	4.18
Meta Platforms Inc	4.09
Amazon.com Inc	3.67
JPMorgan Chase & Co	3.35
Broadcom Inc	3.24
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	2.97
Visa Inc	2.71
Alphabet Inc	2.68
Total	41.94
Total Number of Holdings	58



### **Appendix**



## **Additional Important Information**

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#### Risks

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Small-and mid-cap stocks involve greater risks and volatility than large-cap stocks. International investments are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in emerging markets.

#### **Characteristics**

The holdings and characteristics shown are based on a representative portfolio included in the Composite. Individual client accounts may differ from holdings and characteristics shown. For illustrative purposes only. Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change at any time.

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# GIPS Report ClearBridge Appreciation

Inception Date: Octobe	er 1992							Со		Date: November 2002
	Total	Total						Total Composite	Percentage	Total Firm Assets
	Return	Return	Benchmark	Number of	Composite	Composite	Benchmark	Assets at End of	of Firm	at End of Period
Period	(Gross)	(Net)	Return	Portfolios	Dispersion	3 Yr. St. Dev.	3 Yr. St. Dev.	Period (USD million)	Assets	(USD million)
2024	23.56%	22.83%	25.02%	15	0.09%	15.40%	17.40%	10,549.4	7.18%	146,903.0
2023	20.55%	19.84%	26.29%	13	0.07%	15.74%	17.54%	9,230.60	6.79%	136,016.90
2022	-11.86%	-12.40%	-18.11%	14	0.45%	19.80%	21.16%	7,984.2	6.55%	121,842.7
2021	24.65%	23.92%	28.71%	16	0.18%	16.52%	17.41%	9,762.1	5.73%	170,282.9
2020	15.56%	14.82%	18.40%	16	0.18%	17.43%	18.79%	8,628.7	5.85%	147,416.9
2019	30.98%	30.15%	31.49%	13	0.24%	10.78%	12.10%	8,103.2	6.29%	128,740.4
2018	-1.21%	-1.85%	-4.38%	14	0.13%	10.13%	10.95%	6,743.7	6.36%	106,083.4
2017	20.60%	19.84%	21.83%	12	0.15%	9.66%	10.07%	7,462.1	6.26%	119,187.1
2016	10.17%	9.47%	11.96%	13	0.17%	10.35%	10.74%	6,786.7	6.72%	100,936.9
2015	2.38%	1.72%	1.38%	11	0.16%	10.42%	10.62%	6,741.2	7.28%	92,536.4

Compliance Statement: ClearBridge Investments, LLC claims compliance with the Global investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. ClearBridge Investments, LLC has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1997 - December 31, 2024. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedure for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The ClearBridge Appreciation composite has had a performance examination for the periods January 1, 1994 - December 31, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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