# THE VECTOR GROUP at MORGAN STANLEY

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## **Vector Earnings Momentum Portfolio**

## **Investment Objective**

The Vector Earnings Momentum Strategy's primary objective is to realize capital gains. It is modeled for the more aggressive investor wanting to emphasize short term price appreciation. The portfolio is closely monitored and regularly updated. The portfolio is always fully invested with 25-35 positions. Typically, clients will use this strategy as a complement to their core holdings.

### **Investment Process**

Using a bottom-up approach, stocks purchased in the portfolio are filtered for companies with a history of above- average earnings growth. Stocks in the portfolio will generally have a high beta, which typically increases the risk/ reward profile. Typically, companies have lower debt ratios and above average financial strength. Stocks with favorable Price Earnings ratios, Price per Sales and Price per Cash Flow are also considered for inclusion in the portfolio.

### Stock Sector Breakdown

	VECTOR EARNINGS MOMENTUM PORTFOLIO	RUSSELL MIDCAP GROWTH
Consumer Discretionary	17.60%	17.57%
Consumer Staples	5.00%	4.21%
Energy	0.00%	2.52%
Financials	19.00%	7.27%
Health Care	14.00%	13.21%
Industrials	24.50%	17.38%
Information Technology	19.00%	27.82%
Materials	0.00%	6.40%
Real Estate	0.00%	3.33%
Telecommunication Services	0.00%	0.22%
Utilities	0.00%	0.05%

Source: FactSet Research Systems

The weightings for each sector of the index are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the aggregate weights for the index may not equal 100%. Cash allocation has been excluded; therefore, the aggregate weights for the Vector model may not equal 100%.

### Portfolio Characteristics

	VECTOR EARNINGS MOMENTUM PORTFOLIO	RUSSELL MIDCAP GROWTH
Median Market Cap	57.16 billion	8.76 billion
LT Debt/ Capital	39.30%	47.70%
Price/Book	3.8x	5.6x
Price/Earnings	23.3x	29.0x
Price/Cash Flow	15.1	18.0x
Price/Sales	2.9x	2.4x
Est. 3-5 Year EPS Growth	12.20%	16.00%

Source: FactSet Research Systems All data is as of December 31, 2017

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Price/Earnings- A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings.

Price/Cashflow- A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its level of annual cash flow.

Price/Book- A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its book value.

Price/Sales- A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings.

EPS- The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. Earnings per share serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

Market Cap- Market capitalization, otherwise known as market cap, is a measure of a company's size at a given time.

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