### Balanced Strategy

## **MORSE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.**



#### Overview

The Balanced Strategy is actively managed by Robert P. Morse and the Morse Asset Management team and aims to provide long-term growth and income with stability of returns. A strategic asset allocation between equities and bonds is based primarily on client objectives and guidelines. The equity portion of the portfolio provides the growth impetus. The fixed income portion of the portfolio provides a reduction of risk exposure and contributes to a prescribed level of income.

### Growth of Investment (gross of fees)



### Philosophy

Our investment philosophy is rooted in fundamental and qualitative analysis, experience, and time-tested metrics that are proven over long periods and multiple market cycles. Positive results are the outcome of a well-defined and consistent investment process.

Our equity investment approach adheres to a long-term active growth style. We invest in companies that are characterized by above average growth potential, relative to their industry and competition.

Our fixed income investment approach generally uses investment grade bonds and preferred stocks with strategic shifts dependent on economic and market conditions.

Annualized Total Returns					Statistics (15 year)		
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	Standard Deviation	10.87
Morse Balanced (gross)	29.15%	10.63%	14.15%	9.14%	10.15%	Alpha	1.93
Morse Balanced (net)	28.28%	9.82%	13.45%	8.57%	9.58%	Beta	0.83
70% R1000 / 30% BCIGC**	20.07%	10.44%	14.26%	8.11%	9.43%	R-Squared	0.92

All data as of December 31, 2017.

### Process

**Equity**: The primary source of added value is stock selection using fundamental and quantitative research. It is a combination of market sense and bottom-up analysis. Companies must demonstrate growth potential with a reasonable forward valuation. Emphasis is placed on accelerating earnings, revenues and cash flow and industry leadership. Companies should also exhibit superior financial strength (return on equity, leverage and margins) and be led by quality management. Proprietary tools provide an added dimension of discipline to our process, validating forward growth prospects.

**Fixed Income**: During periods of low or no real interest rate returns, preservation of principal becomes the overriding concern. When these circumstances prevail, we would aim for a short to intermediate maturity schedule. Conversely, during periods of actual or anticipated high real interest rates (greater than 3%), duration of cash-flow returns become the primary concern. Prudence would then dictate a maturity ladder beyond ten years for at least a portion of the portfolio.

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### Portfolio

Top Equity Holdings	(%)	Equity Sector Weights	(%)
Amazon.com Inc.	4.3	Information Technology	30.5
Home Depot Inc.	4.3	Consumer Discretionary	23.1
NXP Semiconductors NV	3.6	Industrials	18.4
Micron Technology Inc.	3.2	Health Care	11.6
Facebook Inc.	2.9	Materials	4.5
Johnson & Johnson	2.6	Financials	3.6
Paypal Holdings Inc.	2.4	Energy	3.8
Lockheed Martin Corp.	2.3	REIT	1.7
The Walt Disney Co.	2.2	Consumer Staples	1.5
Intel Corp.	2.1	Utilities	0.8
TOTAL	29.9	Telecommunications	0.5
		TOTAL	100.0

Portfolio Allocation	(%)
Equity	91.6
Preferred Equity	2.8
Bonds	4.4
Cash & Equivalents	1.1
TOTAL	100.0

### Median Equity

Characteristics	Balanced	S&P 500*	
EPS Growth (Est %)	13.8	11.8	
Return on Equity	20.9	14.5	
Long Term Debt / Total Capital (%)	37.6	41.9	
P/E	23.5	21.1	
Dividend Yield	1.4	1.7	
Market Cap (\$Mil)	38,344	21,553	

Portfolio composition is subject to change and may have changed since the date specified.

### PSN Enterprise Percentile Rank vs US Balanced Peers\*\*

	1 Year Rank	3 Year Rank	5 Year Rank	10 Year Rank	15 Year Rank
Morse Balanced (gross)	1	1	1	6	1
PSN US Balanced Peer Universe	156	154	128	93	66

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\*\* PSN Enterprise Universe as of January 12, 2018.

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