

## Investment overview

ClearBridge Appreciation ESG Portfolios are designed for investors seeking long-term capital appreciation through investments in a core portfolio of high-quality, large-capitalization companies.

**The ESG Investment Program actively incorporates environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into the fundamental research platform and the stock-selection process. In addition, ongoing company engagement and shareholder advocacy are key components of the Program.**

A few examples of the ESG considerations include:

- Innovative workplace policies, employee benefits and programs
- Environmental management system strength, eco-efficiency and life-cycle analysis
- Community involvement, strategic philanthropy and reputation management
- Strong corporate governance and independence on the board

**ClearBridge is a Signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment and is affiliated with the Investor Network on Climate Risk, the Carbon Disclosure Project, the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, the Global Impact Investing Network, and the US Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment.**

## Investment objective

**Seeks:**

- Long-term appreciation of capital.

## Investment philosophy

**We believe that:**

- The managers seek to provide consistent and competitive risk-adjusted returns through a market cycle by balancing upside participation in good markets while trying to limit downside risk during difficult markets.
- The managers invest in both growth and value stocks, consisting primarily of large-cap, blue chip companies that tend to have dominant market positions and have met environmental, social and governance criteria in the portfolio construction process.

**Generally, companies in the portfolio fall into one of the following categories:**

- Companies that have assets or earning power that are undervalued or unrecognized by the market, or companies whose stock price has been driven down by cyclical factors
- Companies with superior demonstrated and expected growth characteristics, whose stocks are available at reasonable prices due to temporary market-specific or stock-specific reasons
- Companies the managers believe are well positioned to sustain or increase growth at a faster rate than market expectations

The managers use a disciplined valuation process that attempts to measure upside potential and downside exposure.

## Management team

ClearBridge Investments is an active equity manager offering a broad range of strategies across global developed and emerging markets, local markets, and income.

## Investment management team

**Michael Kagan**  
**Managing Director**  
Portfolio Manager  
Industry since 1995

**Stephen Rigo, CFA**  
**Managing Director**  
Portfolio Manager  
Industry since 2000

## Investment process

### STEP 1

#### Define the investment universe

Emphasize domestic large-capitalization stocks but also consider mid- and small-capitalization companies and ADRs of non-U.S. companies opportunistically.

### STEP 2

#### Evaluate stocks using proprietary discipline with ESG integration

Screen for high-quality companies with dominant market positions, proven management teams, ESG characteristics and/or superior balance sheets across all market sectors.

### STEP 3

#### Select securities and construct portfolio

Conduct fundamental research to identify companies with attractive growth characteristics relative to their valuation levels.

### STEP 4

#### Review holdings continuously

Re-examine a current holding when valuation is realized, fundamentals deteriorate, and/or cyclical shifts alter industry's attractiveness or a decline in the social/environmental performance causes it to violate a screen.

The investment process may change over time. The characteristics set forth above are intended as a general illustration of some of the criteria the strategy team considers in selecting securities for client portfolios. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

## Portfolio Information<sup>†</sup>

As of December 31, 2025

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio
Microsoft Corp	8.38
NVIDIA Corp	7.25
Alphabet Inc	6.50
Apple Inc	4.97
Broadcom Inc	3.49
Meta Platforms Inc	3.47
Amazon.com Inc	3.10
JPMorgan Chase & Co	2.83
Eli Lilly & Co	2.78
Bank of America Corp	2.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>45.30</b>

### Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio	BM
Information Technology	28.47	34.43
Communication Services	14.02	10.58
Financials	13.04	13.40
Health Care	9.00	9.59
Industrials	8.79	8.16
Consumer Staples	6.61	4.71
Consumer Discretionary	6.50	10.41
Materials	4.78	1.83
Utilities	2.54	2.25
Energy	1.97	2.81
Real Estate	0.74	1.83
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.55	0.00

### Market Capitalization (%)

	Portfolio	BM
<10 Billion	0.09	0.28
10-50 Billion	6.24	11.61
50-250 Billion	28.58	29.74
250-500 Billion	12.94	12.09
>500 Billion	52.15	46.27

### Characteristics

	Portfolio	BM
Number of Issuers	54	503
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth	12.06%	12.93%
Price to Earnings (12-Month Forward)	26.83x	24.68x
Price to Book	8.69x	8.02x
Dividend Yield*	1.03%	1.13%
Median Market Cap (Millions USD)	\$877,167	\$382,809
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (Millions USD)	\$1,395,395	\$1,362,847

<sup>†</sup> Source: FactSet. Portfolio characteristics listed are based on a model portfolio, not an actual client account. The model portfolio is a hypothetical portfolio whereby the portfolio characteristics are based on simulated trading and account activity of a client account invested in this strategy. The model portfolio assumes no withdrawals, contributions or client-imposed restrictions. Portfolio characteristics of individual client accounts may differ from those of the model portfolio as a result of account size, client-imposed restrictions, the timing of client investments, market conditions, contributions, withdrawals and other factors. **Dividend Yield is calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses.**

## Performance

### Annualized Rates of Return – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) as of December 31, 2025 – PRELIMINARY

	1 Mth	3 Mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	15 Year	20 Year
Appreciation ESG –Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	-1.34	0.87	14.59	14.59	16.91	10.93	13.67	12.14	11.95	10.16
Appreciation ESG –Net of Fees—(USD)	-1.59	0.12	11.28	11.28	13.54	7.72	10.38	8.90	8.71	6.96
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	0.06	2.66	17.88	17.88	23.01	14.42	17.29	14.82	14.06	11.00

### Calendar-Year Total Returns – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) ending December 31

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Appreciation ESG –Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	14.59	20.34	15.90	-13.63	21.72	14.37	27.61	-0.42	16.19	10.90
Appreciation ESG –Net of Fees—(USD)	11.28	16.87	12.55	-16.18	18.22	11.06	23.96	-3.33	12.84	7.69
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	17.88	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96

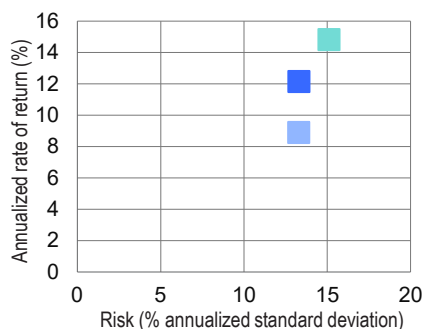
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<sup>1</sup> **Fees:** Periods less than one year are not annualized. Performance results are for the composite which includes all actual, fully discretionary accounts with substantially similar investment policies and objectives managed to the composite's investment strategy. Composite returns are stated in U.S. dollars and assume reinvestment of any dividends, interest income, capital gains, or other earnings. The composite may include account(s) that are gross of fees and pure gross of fees. "Pure" gross-of-fee returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including transaction costs. A traditional (or "true") gross-of-fee return reflects performance after the reduction of transaction costs but before the reduction of the investment advisory fee. The gross-of-fee return may include a blend of "true" gross-of-fee returns for non-wrap accounts and "pure" gross-of-fee returns for wrap accounts. Net-of-fee returns is reduced by a model "wrap fee" (3.0% is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for equity and balanced portfolios) which includes trading expenses as well as investment management, administrative and custodial fees. The model wrap fee used represents the highest anticipated wrap fee applicable to the strategy. Actual fees and account minimums may vary.

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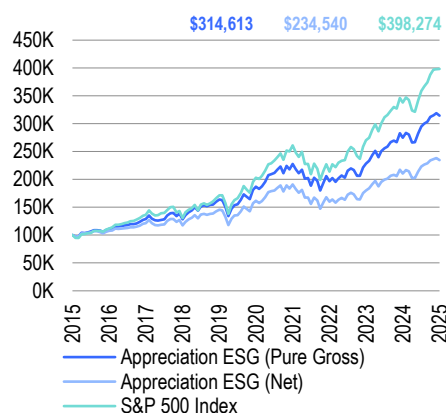
### Performance Statistics <sup>1</sup> Preliminary (based on 10-year period ending December 31, 2025)

#### Risk/Return profile (%)

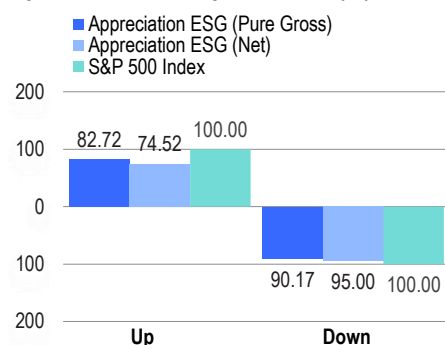


■ Appreciation ESG (Pure Gross)	
Annualized Return (%)	12.14
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	13.30
■ Appreciation ESG (Net)	
Annualized Return (%)	8.90
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	13.30
■ S&P 500 Index	
Annualized Return (%)	14.82
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	15.12

#### Growth of \$100,000\*



#### Up/Down market capture ratios (%)



#### Modern portfolio statistics

	Portfolio (Pure gross)	Portfolio (Net)	BM
Sharpe Ratio	0.77	0.54	0.85
Beta	0.86	0.86	N/A
Alpha (%)	-0.83	-3.72	N/A
R-Squared	0.95	0.95	N/A

	(+) Months	(-) Months
Pure Gross:	86	34
Net:	86	34

<sup>1</sup> Source: Franklin Templeton.

\*For illustrative purposes only. Assumes no withdrawals or contributions. These statistics are based on pure gross and net-of-fees quarterly composite returns, were calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income, and take into account both realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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## Terms and definitions:

**Dividend yield** is determined by dividing a stock's annual dividends per share by the current market price per share. Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends. **Dividend yield is calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses.**

**P/E (Year 1)** is the previous day's closing price of the stock divided by the consensus earnings per share (EPS) of fiscal year 1 (FY1) provided by I/B/E/S. Forecasts are inherently limited and should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

The **price-to-book ratio (P/B)** is a stock's price divided by the stock's per share book value. Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of a common stock.

**Weighted median market capitalization** represents the value at which half the portfolio's market capitalization weight falls above, and half falls below.

**Weighted average market capitalization** represents the average value of the companies held in the portfolio. When that figure is weighted, the impact of each company's capitalization on the overall average is proportional to the total market value of its shares.

**Market capitalization** measures the number of outstanding common shares of a given corporation multiplied by the latest price per share.

**Standard deviation** measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

The **up-capture ratio** measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An up-capture ratio of more than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

The **down-capture ratio** is the ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A down-capture ratio of less than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

**Alpha** is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance measuring sensitivity to index movements.

**Beta** measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark.

**Sharpe ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between a portfolio and its benchmark. R-squared at 1.00 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

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## What are the risks?

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