

## The Cedar Portfolio Investment Strategy

The New Investment Paradigm: Helping Society and the Environment, and Targeting Outperforming Portfolio Returns

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### The Cedar Portfolio

## A value-investing equities portfolio of great businesses from around the world, helping society and the environment, and targeting outperforming portfolio returns.

The businesses in the portfolio are emphasizing the following ESG and Sustainable Development Goals:

- Agricultural Productivity and Sustainable Food Production
- Water Quality Improvement
- Clean, Efficient and Abundant Energy
- Renewable Energy
- Carbon Emissions Reduction
- Innovation and Economic Growth
- Industry and Infrastructure Improvement
- Social Development
- Corporate and Organizational Enhancement
- Pollution Cleanup and Environment Health
- Scientific and Technological Development
- Natural and Healthful Food and Ingredients
- Screening No Tobacco; No Weapons Manufacture; Yes Humane Working Conditions; Yes Social Justice





### What are the Cedar Portfolio characteristics?

- ☐ Only equities of great businesses from around the world over 50 businesses currently
- No use of derivatives in the investment process or portfolio
- No use of debt or leverage in the investment process or portfolio
- ☐ Businesses with great ESG metrics, screened for social responsibility and applying impact investing
- □ 5% weighting of physical gold and 5% weighing of physical silver in the portfolio
- □ Portfolio rebalancing quarterly



#### 7 Quantitative Factors Assessed:

- High, positive cash-flowing businesses
- Limited debt and leverage
- High earnings per share
- Payout distribution
- Enduring operations
- Owner-operators
- Stable or decreasing float

#### 7 Qualitative Factors Assessed:

- ESG factors
- Alignment to economic trends
- Alignment to generational trends
- Uniqueness and scarcity
- Innovation
- Risk mitigation
- Holding purchasing power



## The Cedar Portfolio - Representative Holdings

#### **Schneider Electric** – energy and automation solutions for efficiency and automation – based in France

Technologies to lower operating costs, lower carbon emissions, and increase sustainability all at the same time

#### ABB - robotics, power, heavy electrical equipment, and automation technology areas - based in Switzerland

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#### <u>UPM-Kymmene</u> – sustainable forest industry services and products – based in Finland

Investments, products and services in timber, renewable energy, and sustainability

#### **<u>Chr Hansen</u>** – natural ingredient solutions for variety of industries – based in Denmark

Natural-based healthy solutions for the food, nutritional, pharmaceutical and agricultural industries

#### **SLB** – technologies and energy production, processing – based in Netherlands

Technologies emphasizing lower emissions, decarbonizing customer operations, and scaling new energy systems

#### **CEMIG** – electricity generation and transmission – based in Brazil

➤ Electricity through renewables – only electricity company outside Europe in Dow Jones Sustainability Index

#### <u>Linde</u> – technologies and solutions in hydrogen production lifecycle processes – based in Ireland

Clean energy, hydrogen and sustainability solutions

### The Cedar Portfolio - ESG Standards, Frameworks and Best Practices

- ☐ The Market Environmentalism (4 Principles)
- ☐ The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ☐ These 5 ESG Factors:

RobecoSAM Sustainalytics Bloomberg ESG Disclosures

ISS (Institutional Shareholder Services) Quality

CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project) Climate



















## The Cedar Portfolio – Performance ytd and annualised over past three years

Performance of The Cedar Portfolio – as of 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2024						
Performance Comparison with Benchmarks						
Benchmark	Annualised Return	YTD for Year 2024				
S&P 500 Index	10.19%	21.87%				
U.S. DOW	6.44%	11.21%				
Cedar Portfolio	16.83%	7.42%				



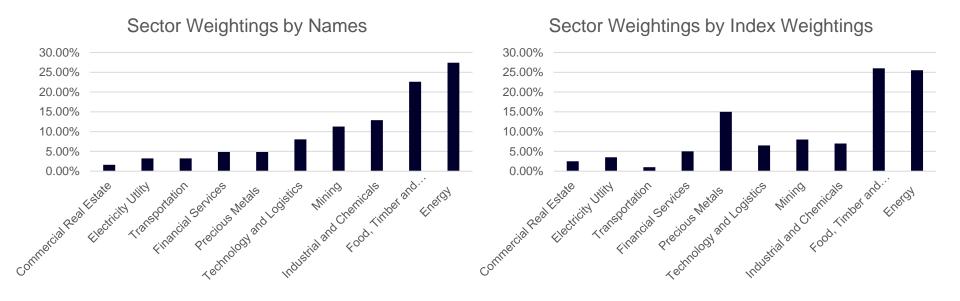
# The Cedar Portfolio Outperformance – Risk-Adjusted Comparison Results => Outperformance with Lower Risk

Asset Class	Annualized Performance	Risk-Adjusted Performance	Sharpe Ratio	Volatility	Maximum Drawdown
Bitcoin BTC	26.42%	0.36	0.64	73.02%	-73.81%
Ethereum	20.99%	0.22	0.64	96.50%	-90.05%
SPY	13.86%	0.80	0.71	17.28%	-23.93%
SUSA ESG ETF	13.75%	0.77	0.69	17.86%	-27.80%
Cedar Portfolio	16.12%	0.95	0.83	16.98%	-18.04%

- Period: January 1, 2018 September 2024 (over 6 years)
- Dividends Reinvested
- Rebalanced Quarterly
- Risk-Adjusted Performance = Annualized Performance / Volatility



### The Cedar Portfolio Sector Breakdown – October 2024





## The Cedar Portfolio – Summary of Features

- Value Investing uniquely based on the Principles of the <u>Austrian School of Economics!</u>
- Helping Society and the Environment ESG Investing!
- Promoting the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals!
- Emphasizing Market Environmentalism, not Agenda Environmentalism!
- Fostering a global Social Media Community towards Discussion and Awareness!
- Encouraging Innovation and Entrepreneurialism!
- Targeting Outperforming Returns!
- Leading with a World-Class Team with industry veteran Research Strategist Yra Harris!



## **Leadership Team**



## Yra Harris **Research Strategist**

- Recognized Floor Trader with 40+ years of track record
- Track record of successful trading with technical & fundamental analysis
- Served Member of the Board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME)
- Provides regular analysis on the Financial Markets



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