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# Pioneer Disciplined Growth SMA

## Product Profile

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### Portfolio Facts

**Investment Objective**

Long-term capital growth

**Typical Holdings Range**

40 to 70

**Strategy Inception Date**

January 1, 2006

**Benchmark**

Russell 1000® Growth Index

### Portfolio Management

**Craig Sterling**Managing Director  
Director of Core Equity  
Head of Equity Research – US  
Portfolio Manager

- Joined Amundi US in 2015
- Investment experience since 1991

**Ace Savia**Vice President  
Portfolio Manager

- Joined Amundi US in 2003
- Investment experience since 2003

**We believe in a consistent, disciplined investment process based on fundamental research, quantitative analysis and active portfolio management.**

## Key Features

Pioneer Disciplined Growth SMA (“the SMA”) seeks long-term capital growth with a careful balance of risk and reward, which is applied to each of our investment portfolios.

- **“Career Analyst” Model:** We believe our team’s extensive experience allows us to leverage a deeper understanding of industry dynamics, secular and cyclical themes, and fundamental risks.
- **Consistently Applied Valuation Framework:** Fundamental valuation analysis driven primarily by proprietary economic value added (EVA) framework.
- **Disciplined Portfolio Construction:** Conviction-weighted portfolio construction process with a substantial risk overlay designed to maximize the risk-return profile.

The SMA seeks to generate these benefits by:

- **Focusing on high quality and sustainable business models** through comprehensive understanding of an evolving economic environment that has been through multiple structural changes.
- **Utilizing EVA as a profit and valuation measure** that integrates competitive analysis, financial strength and ESG (environmental, social, governance) assessment. EVA is designed to identify true operating profit across all industries and companies and ultimately generate meaningful valuations.
- **Quantitatively evaluating stocks** applying multi-factor, model ranking ideas based on quality, growth and valuation.
- **Constructing a portfolio comprised of “best ideas” from the analyst team** and seek to produce all-weather performance regardless of market conditions.

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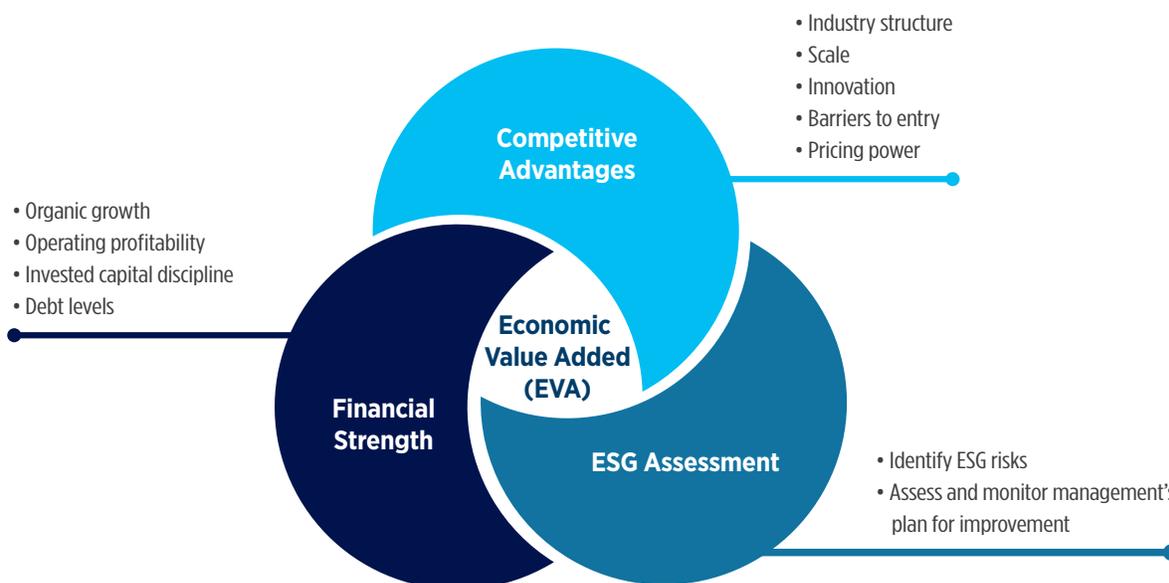
# Investment Philosophy

Pioneer Disciplined Growth SMA integrates a structured portfolio construction process with the foundation of strong fundamental research and a disciplined approach to valuation. We believe this is the best way to aggregate our equity research team's highest conviction ideas and pursue long-term outperformance.

We adhere to three primary philosophical tenets:

- 1. Identify Quality Companies:** Focus on high quality and sustainable business models with an emphasis on understanding evolving business model economics.
- 2. Trade at Attractive Valuations:** Utilize EVA as an enhanced measure for profit and valuation. Appreciate that quantitative easing (QE) policies and increasingly rapid structural industry changes have made valuation much more nuanced.
- 3. Thoughtful Portfolio Construction:** Analyst conviction-weighted portfolio of our best ideas. Comprehensive quantitative overlay and risk management guide portfolio construction.

## A focus on quality companies with competitive advantages and sustainable business models that are positioned for long-term growth



## Experienced Management Team

Craig Sterling and Ace Savla are co-portfolio managers on the portfolio. Together they average over 20 years of industry experience. Craig is a Managing Director, Head of Equity Research, US, while Ace is a Vice President, Team Leader of US Equity Quantitative Research.

An 11-person central research team also supports the portfolio managers. The analysts are industry specialists and typically follow the same industries during their entire career at Amundi US in order to build deep expertise.

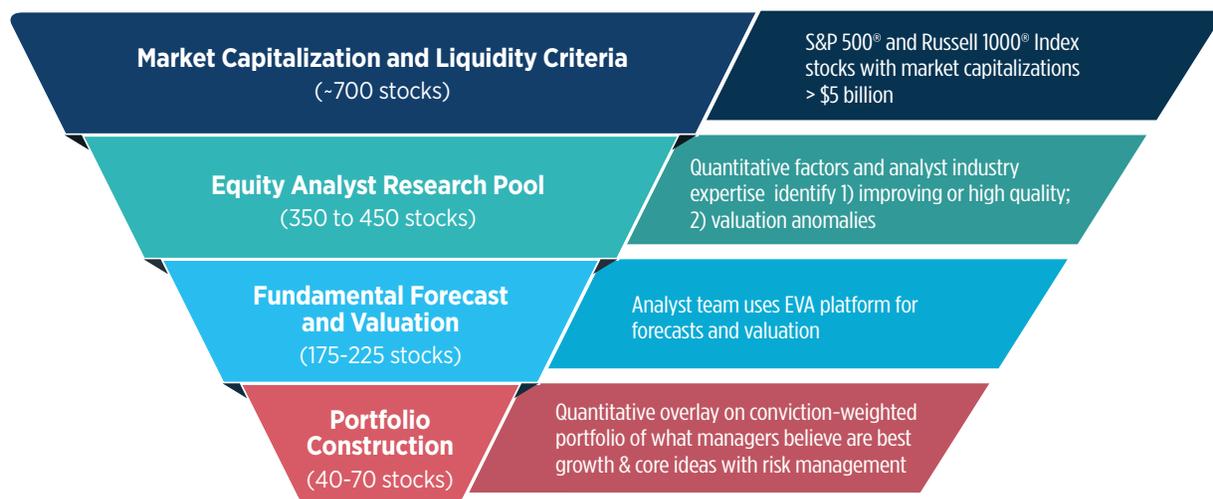
# Disciplined Investment Process

The investment team operates with an appreciation of how companies make money for shareholders and how investors and markets behave. They seek out companies with very distinctive characteristics, subject them to intensive fundamental research and carefully value their stocks, while focusing on a long-term investment horizon.

There are four distinctive elements that characterize a typical portfolio candidate:

- Return on incremental invested capital
- Strong fundamental characteristics and sustainable competitive advantage
- Long-term opportunities for growth
- Attractive valuations

## Investment Process



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Internal Guidelines referenced do not necessarily represent prospectus/statutory limitations. These internal guidelines are used as guidance in the daily management of the Portfolio's investments. These guidelines are subject to change and should not be relied upon as a long term view of the Portfolio's exposures, limitations, and/or risks.

## Integrated Risk Management

Risk management tools, based on BARRA risk analytics, are used as a guide in the portfolio construction process to assure that individual securities, sectors, industries and factors are appropriately contributing to the portfolio's risk-return profile and objective. The Portfolio Management team also reviews the risk/return profile prior to all trades and on an ad hoc basis to evaluate potential portfolio effects. The models are designed to not only aid in the constant monitoring of total risk exposures at multiple levels and ensure proper diversification<sup>1</sup>, but also to confirm that risks assumed are intended and to avoid taking unintended risks.

<sup>1</sup>Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss.

**For more information about this portfolio, contact your financial professional.**

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**Investing in small and mid-sized companies** may offer the potential for higher returns, but are also subject to greater short-term price fluctuations than larger, more established companies.

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