# Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core

Strategy Fact Sheet | September 30, 2026

*A fossil-fuel-free U.S. large-cap strategy, systematically screened on 25 material risk factors and risk-weighted to reduce mega-cap concentration.*

## Investment Overview

Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core is constructed using three independent processes run quarterly:

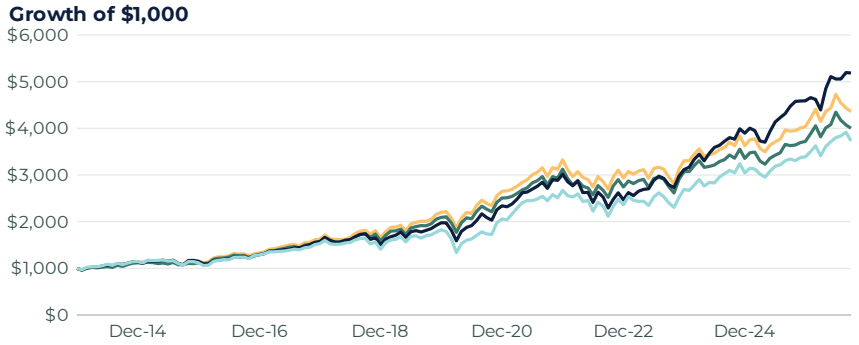
1. Rules-based ESG methodology applied to company KPI and third-party issue-specific data, with the best-in-class companies selected. Examples of KPIs are carbon intensity and board diversity.
2. Machine learning model which uses financial, risk, and other factors to identify companies that are most likely to outperform both in absolute returns and in risk-adjusted returns over the next quarter.
3. We select companies that are in both (1) and (2) for potential inclusion in the portfolio. The weightings of the portfolio are optimized to minimize tail risk and maximize diversification.

## Strategy Overview

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| **Inception Date** | January 1, 2014 |
| **Strategy** | ESG - long only |
| **Benchmark** | S&P 500 TR |
| **Supplemental** | S&P 500 EW TR |
| **Positions** | 35-75 |
| **Liquidity** | Daily |

## Investment Performance (as of 9/30/2026)

**Growth of $1,000**




| | Last 3 months | YTD | Last 1 year | Last 3 years* | Last 5 years* | Last 10 years* | ITD* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core (Gross)** | -7.78% | 7.98% | 10.68% | 13.85% | 7.98% | 12.77% | 12.24% |
| **Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core (Net)** | -7.89% | 7.61% | 10.17% | 13.33% | 7.47% | 12.09% | 11.49% |
| **S&P 500 TR** | 2.50% | 12.97% | 15.97% | 22.97% | 13.84% | 15.36% | 13.78% |
| **S&P 500 EW TR** | -1.87% | 10.03% | 11.56% | 15.73% | 8.78% | 11.66% | 10.87% |

** Annualized*

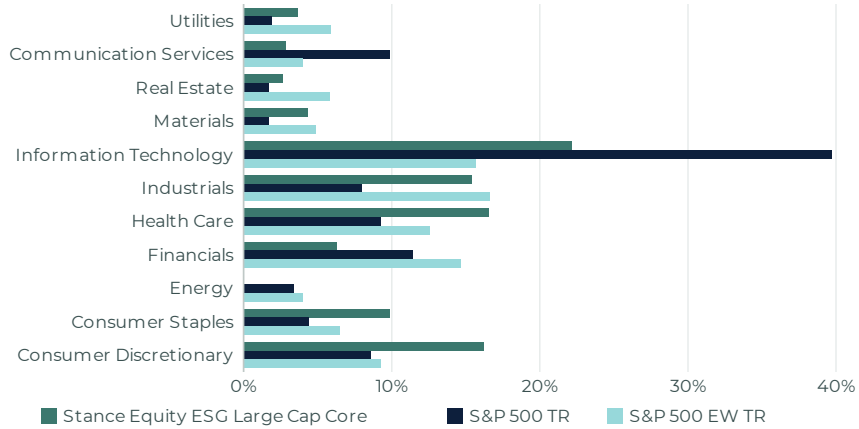
## Strategy Analytics

*Inception (Jan 2014) – 9/30/2026, monthly data*

| | Stance (Net) | S&P 500 TR | S&P 500 EW TR |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cumulative Return** | 300.11% | 418.59% | 272.83% |
| **Annualized Return** | 11.49% | 13.78% | 10.87% |
| **Standard Deviation** | 13.75% | 14.51% | 15.67% |
| **Sharpe** | 0.84 | 0.95 | 0.69 |
| **Alpha** | 0.32% | 0.00% | -2.55% |
| **Beta** | 0.82 | 1.00 | 1.01 |
| **Treynor** | 13.97% | 13.78% | 10.76% |
| **Max Drawdown** | 19.34% | 23.87% | 26.70% |
| **Up Capture** | 52.94% | 100.00% | 79.16% |
| **Down Capture** | 91.34% | 100.00% | 102.08% |
| **R-Squared Adjusted** | 75.25% | 100.00% | 87.49% |
| **Correlation** | 0.87 | 1.00 | 0.94 |
| **Downside Deviation** | 4.15% | 4.50% | 4.98% |
| **Value at Risk** | -5.64% | -6.04% | -6.76% |
| **Sortino** | 0.42 | 0.46 | 0.34 |

Statistics use monthly returns since inception; Stance is shown net of fees. Alpha, Beta, Treynor, capture ratios, R-Squared and Correlation are measured against the S&P 500 TR. Sharpe, Treynor and Alpha assume a 0% risk-free rate. Downside Deviation, Value at Risk (95%, modified) and Sortino are monthly figures; Annualized Return, Standard Deviation, Alpha and Treynor are annualized.

## Sector Profile vs. Benchmark (as of 9/30/2026)



## Impact vs. S&P 500 (as of 10/26/2026)

**100%**

**less than benchmark in tobacco producer exposure**

Companies involved in the production of tobacco. Source: YourStake

**96%**

**less than benchmark in industrial GHG emissions**

Amount of greenhouse gas emissions from facilities in North America and European Union. Source: YourStake

**$20.3m**

**less than benchmark in wage and hour violations (US + UK)**

Penalties paid to the US government or UK government for exploiting wage laborers. Source: YourStake

## Portfolio Management



### Bill Davis

Managing Director / Portfolio Manager

Mr. Davis founded Stance Capital to bring to market investment portfolios that mitigate material environmental, social, and governance risks and generate excess returns while at the same time allowing investors to align their portfolios with their belief systems. Prior to forming Stance, Bill was co-founder and Managing Director of Empirical Asset Management, and Portfolio Manager on EAM Sustainable Equity, a strategy he launched in 2014. Prior to co-founding Empirical, he was the founder and CEO of Ze-gen, a venture and private equity backed renewable energy company. Mr. Davis received a B.A. from Connecticut College, and his career in business has included serving as CEO or founder of numerous companies including Database Marketing Corporation, Holland Mark, and Cambridge Brand Analytics. He serves on the Board of Ceres and leads a shareholder engagement effort within Climate Action 100+, a collaborative effort between United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment (UNPRI) and Ceres.



### Kyle Balkissoon

Managing Partner / Portfolio Manager

Mr. Balkissoon joined Stance to leverage and advance state of the art machine learning and analysis methods to help clients outperform while adhering to their values. Prior to joining Stance, Kyle led Cognitive Forecasting at IBM, where he was responsible for the development of large forecasting systems for clients in areas such as sales growth, crop yield, replenishment, demand forecasting, advertising, and others. He was an independent data science consultant and led quantitative ESG research at Corporate Knights Capital. Kyle has an M.Sc. in Financial Markets from EDHEC, a B.Sc. in Mathematical Sciences from McMaster University, and a B.A. in Economics from McMaster University. He has contributed to several open source packages in the quantitative finance space and given talks at various conferences in quantitative finance.

## GIPS Composite: Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core Annual returns, January 1, 2014 – September 30, 2026

| Year End | Total Firm Assets ($M) | Composite Assets ($M) | Number of Accounts | Composite Gross Return | Composite Net Return | S&P 500 TR | S&P 500 EW TR | Internal Dispersion | Composite 3Y Std. Dev. | S&P 500 TR 3Y Std. Dev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2014** | | 0.59 | < 6 | 12.55% | 11.65% | 13.69% | 14.49% | *n.a.*[1] | *n.a.*[2] | *n.a.*[2] |
| **2015** | | 1.30 | < 6 | 1.16% | 0.17% | 1.38% | -2.20% | *n.a.*[1] | *n.a.*[2] | *n.a.*[2] |
| **2016** | 14.88 | 4.15 | 7 | 17.21% | 16.19% | 11.96% | 14.80% | *n.a.*[1] | 8.67% | 10.59% |
| **2017** | 24.79 | 7.93 | 11 | 21.72% | 20.80% | 21.83% | 18.90% | *n.a.*[1] | 7.86% | 9.92% |
| **2018** | 28.58 | 6.10 | 10 | 1.95% | 1.21% | -4.38% | -7.64% | *n.a.*[1] | 10.70% | 10.80% |
| **2019** | 44.32 | 11.23 | 16 | 32.77% | 31.72% | 31.49% | 29.24% | 0.34% | 12.17% | 11.93% |
| **2020** | 105.92 | 17.40 | 23 | 20.54% | 19.74% | 18.40% | 12.83% | *n.a.*[1] | 17.15% | 18.53% |
| **2021** | 142.00 | 69.37 | 31 | 25.55% | 24.71% | 28.71% | 29.63% | 0.10% | 15.97% | 17.17% |
| **2022** | 140.33 | 68.92 | 30 | -11.75% | -12.20% | -18.11% | -11.45% | 0.38% | 18.52% | 20.87% |
| **2023** | 166.83 | 87.95 | 28 | 12.53% | 11.97% | 26.29% | 13.87% | 0.26% | 16.98% | 17.29% |
| **2024** | 228.44 | 120.09 | 21 | 9.78% | 9.28% | 25.02% | 13.01% | 0.12% | 16.79% | 17.15% |
| **2025** | 354.20 | 111.29 | 19 | 11.26% | 10.76% | 17.88% | 11.43% | 0.34% | 13.36% | 11.79% |
| **2026 YTD** | 396.31 | 105.70 | 15 | 7.98% | 7.61% | 12.97% | 10.03% | *n.a.*[1] | 13.37% | 12.24% |

## Disclosures

N.A.1 - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year; N.A.2 - The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented for 2014 and 2015 due to less than 36 months of composite and benchmark data; Internal dispersion is calculated with 6 or more accounts in the composite for the whole year. Stance Capital, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Stance Capital has been independently verified for the periods August 19, 2016 through September 30, 2025. The verification report is available upon request. 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The first process applies a rules-based methodology to a large cap index and identifies companies that successfully manage sustainability-related key performance indicators. Excluded from consideration are companies engaged in weapons, tobacco, or thermal coal, as well as companies where women are not meaningfully employed in senior management and board positions. The second process tests fundamental financial and risk factors for statistical significance as generators of alpha. The factors compete for inclusion on an annual basis and are adjusted based on accumulated learning. The final process optimizes the portfolio for tail risk reduction. Stance Capital, LLC (Stance) is a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), primarily focused on constructing and bringing to market public equity portfolios that mitigate material risk and generate excess returns while at the same time allowing investors to align their capital with their belief systems. The benchmark for Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core Composite is the S&P 500 Total Return Index. The S&P 500 Equal Weight Total Return Index is presented as supplementary information. Returns are presented net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, with dividends reinvested, and gross and net of management fees. Net of fee performance was calculated by using actual management fees charged. Fee schedule is 100 basis points. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated using gross returns for the accounts in the composite the entire year. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. The minimum account size for this composite is $150 thousand. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. Composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client initiated significant cash inflow or outflow of at least 20% of portfolio assets. Effective October 1, 2024, the significant cash flow policy was removed. Additional information regarding the treatment of significant cash flows is available upon request. A list of composite descriptions is also available upon request. The firm's list of broad distribution pooled funds is available upon request. The Stance Equity ESG Large Cap Core Composite was created August 18, 2016. The composite inception date is January 1, 2014. Performance presented from January 1, 2014 to August 18, 2016 occurred while the Portfolio Manager was affiliated with a prior firm, Empirical Asset Management, and the Portfolio Manager was the only individual responsible for selecting the securities to buy and sell. Net of fee performance was also reduced by the adviser fee for the applicable accounts. Data in the Impact vs. S&P 500 section is provided by YourStake (Stake PBC) and pertains only to social impact, not financial performance. Stake PBC is not an investment advisor, and does not provide investment advice or investment recommendations. The information contained herein is believed to be from reliable sources, but we make no warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy of the information. Information provided is as of October 26, 2026, and may change over time based on market or other conditions. The holdings of the composite are as of September 30, 2026, and the holdings of the S&P 500 TR, as proxied by the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY), are as of October 6, 2026.