

# Global Currents Investment Management

MANDATE: GLOBAL EQUITY (SRI / ESG)

(Socially Responsible Investing / Environmental, Social, & Corporate Governance)

## OBJECTIVE

To manage a Global Equity SRI / ESG portfolio for the Summit Program where the objective is to outperform the benchmark.

## BACKGROUND

- Global Currents was established in July 2008 after transitioning the entire international and global equity investment team from Brandywine Global Investment Management.
- Wholly-owned but independently operated subsidiary of Legg Mason Inc.
- Global Currents retains complete investment autonomy and control over management, investment and employee decisions. Legg Mason provides support services in the areas of finance, technology, administration, operation and distribution.

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

- Disciplined approach to value-based investing, seeking quality companies trading at a discount to their intrinsic value.
- Bottom-up process utilizes quantitative screens and fundamental analysis to find neglected companies around the globe with catalysts for recovery.
- Fully integrated SRI / ESG research as part of the portfolio construction process.
- Research includes: assessing and understanding of the company's SRI / ESG impact, reviewing specialized research and performance to understand company's position in industry, evaluating media sources and advocacy groups to identify levels of corporate involvement.
- Stocks are initially put through a ranking process based on Ethical Investment Research Service's (EIRIS) High/Medium/Low impact factors.
- Michael Dieschbourg, CEO, oversees the SRI / ESG process.
- Final investment decisions are made by the portfolio construction team, led by Paul Erlichman.
- Mandate focuses on larger cap stocks.

## RISK CATEGORY



## BIOGRAPHIES OF KEY PERSONNEL

**Paul D. Ehrlichman**, Chairman and CIO, has been with Global Currents (Brandywine) for 20 years and has 25 years of investment management experience. He was previously Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager at Provident Capital Management from 1984 to 1988 and a Securities Analyst at First Pennsylvania Bank from 1983 to 1984.

**Michael Dieschbourg**, CEO and Head of SRI / ESG Investments. Michael joined Global Currents (Brandywine) in 2005 as Managing Director for the firm's International and Global Value Equity portfolios and has 25 years of industry experience. Previously, he was an executive in the hedge fund industry (2002 – 2005), served as National Director of Smith Barney's Consulting Group (1996 – 2002) and worked as an institutional investment consultant for more than 12 years.

## SUMMARY

Location: Wilmington, Delaware  
 Founded: July 2008  
 (formerly Brandywine Global Investment Management)  
 Ownership: Wholly-owned but independently operated subsidiary of Legg Mason Inc.  
 Staff: 22  
 Managers/Analysts: 15

**Assets:**  
 Total: \$5.8 Billion (USD)

**Turnover:**  
 Should not exceed 60% per annum

**Portfolio Characteristics:**  
 Style: Core  
 P/E: Similar to market  
 P/B: Similar to market  
 Yield: Similar to market  
 Beta: Similar to market

## STYLE

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large		●	
Medium			
Small			

## The Summit Program



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