

# ValueWorks:

Redefining wealth management through critical thinking and independent research

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## BALANCED COMPOSITE

## FACT SHEET- 3RD QUARTER, 2004

### Philosophy:

**At ValueWorks we define value investing as buying the best-quality assets at the best possible prices.** We like to think of ourselves as bargain hunters: it is our goal to pay only \$0.50 to \$0.75 for \$1.00 worth of assets. We evaluate the component parts of a company, assigning each of its assets a dollar value that, when added together, comprises the underlying value of the company; if this is higher than the company's stock price, we consider it an investment opportunity.

### Process:

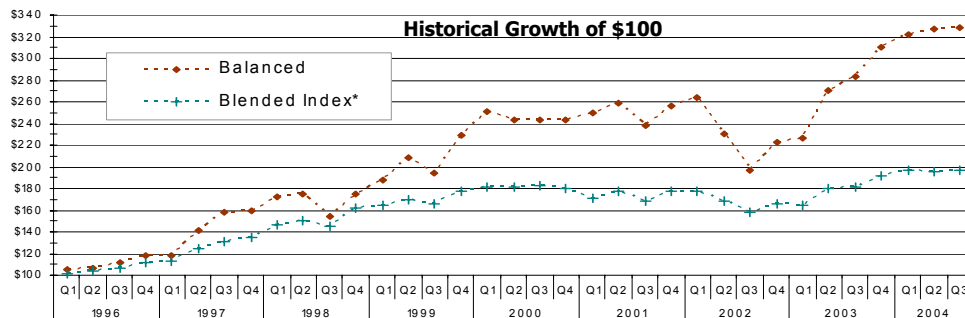
**1. Identification** We monitor the financial markets to identify securities that match our investment criteria—focusing on opportunities that appear misunderstood by the general market.

**2. Appraisal** First we identify the assets; then we appraise them. This allows us to determine the company's *underlying value*. We then decide whether the assets are of high quality and therefore likely to appreciate over time.

**3. Assessment** Here we assess any claims against a company's assets; we then compare the market price of the claims to the company's *underlying value*. If a particular security trades at a discount, we identify factors that could eliminate the valuation gap and increase its price. We then make a decision on the purchase of the security.

**4. Re-Evaluation** We continuously monitor our positions to determine if our original investment thesis still applies, taking necessary action to optimize our portfolio.

**5. Exit** We exit a position when a security either reaches full valuation or changes in its outlook invalidate part of our original thesis.



### Measures of Risk/Return vs Blended Index\*

	Beta	Alpha
3 years	1.93	0.95
5 years	1.82	4.73

### Trailing Performance (in %)

	ValueWorks		Blended Index*	
	annualized	cumulative	annualized	cumulative
1996-present	14.57	228.78	8.04	96.75
5 Year	11.14	69.59	3.53	18.92
3 Year	11.34	38.02	5.37	17.00
1 Year	15.96	15.96	8.23	8.23

### 5 Year Quarterly Market Capture Ratios (gross)

	# of Quarters	Cumulative Returns		Percentage of Mkt Return
		ValueWorks	Blended Index	
Up	12	140.85	51.85	271.67
Down	8	-29.58	-21.68	136.44
All	20	69.59	18.92	367.80

### Performance History through Q3 2004 (in %)

	Gross of Fees	Net of Fees	Blended Index*
YTD	6.07	4.88	2.49
2003	39.08	36.88	15.50
2002	-12.78	-14.36	-6.15
2001	4.87	3.10	-1.29
2000	6.28	4.35	1.02
1999	31.32	28.89	9.95
1998	9.13	7.15	19.33
1997	34.81	32.51	21.18
1996	18.66	16.54	11.71

### Historical Quarterly Results vs. Index (in %)

	ValueWorks (gross)				Blended Index*			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2004	3.99	1.51	0.48		2.18	-0.36	0.67	
2003	1.39	19.62	4.89	9.32	-0.88	8.95	1.27	5.61
2002	3.02	-12.50	-14.55	13.24	0.12	-4.85	-6.20	5.02
2001	2.36	3.90	-8.07	7.26	-4.42	3.13	-4.92	5.32
2000	9.24	-2.75	0.04	0.00	2.32	-0.52	1.01	-1.75
1999	7.37	10.91	-6.75	18.26	2.20	3.06	-2.76	7.36
1998	7.81	1.00	-11.27	12.95	7.77	2.83	-2.86	10.84
1997	-0.14	19.26	12.29	0.81	1.07	10.54	5.41	2.90
1996	4.94	1.28	4.57	6.77	1.51	2.19	2.17	5.41

\*The Blended Index is a composite calculation comprised of 50% S&P 500 Index and 50% Merrill Lynch Domestic Master Bond Index.

The above benchmark indices are unmanaged indices. Beta was calculated using the Blended Index as the market proxy. The benchmark performance numbers reflect the reinvestment of dividends and interest but do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. ValueWorks' value investing style is not limited to the securities in any of the above indices and utilizes specific investment techniques which are not utilized in the above indices and which may or may not increase volatility. Returns include all dividends, interest, accrued interest and other cash flows received as they may result from the implementation of a particular investment strategy. Trade date accounting has been used. Results for the full period are time weighted. Accounts are included in composite at the start of the first full month under management. Exiting accounts are included through the last full month under management.

The Balanced Composite consisted of 94 accounts and \$55,963,183 in assets as of 9/30/2004. This represents approximately 38.37% of the accounts and 41.05% of the assets managed by ValueWorks LLC. These results were generated at other firms prior to the fourth quarter of 2001. Results for other composites are available upon request.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.