



# Zero Waste

## Why invest in Zero Waste?

This portfolio seeks returns by investing in stocks that proactively address pollution prevention, waste minimization, or recycling as a means of alleviating the increasing burden of unsustainable waste generation.

## Key Portfolio Trends



### We need to waste less and recycle more

The US generated about 258 million tons of solid waste in 2014. Only 35% of it was recycled.



### Waste has a significant economic upside

In the US alone, \$5 billion is spent every year sending waste to landfills. Interestingly, the items tossed out each year could also be worth about \$5 billion if properly recycled into products.



### Technologies will reduce global impact

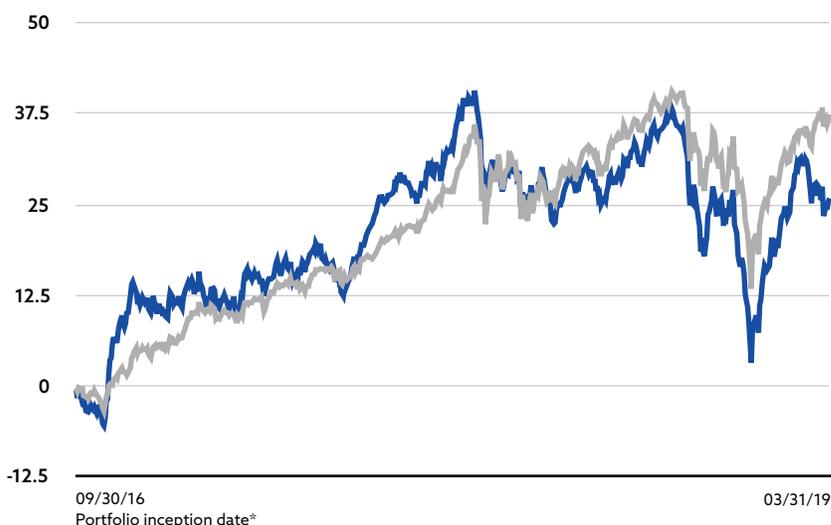
It's clear we need to learn to make the most out of our waste. That's why we invest in companies that provide solutions for composting, recycling, and creating new materials from recycled materials.

### Characteristics

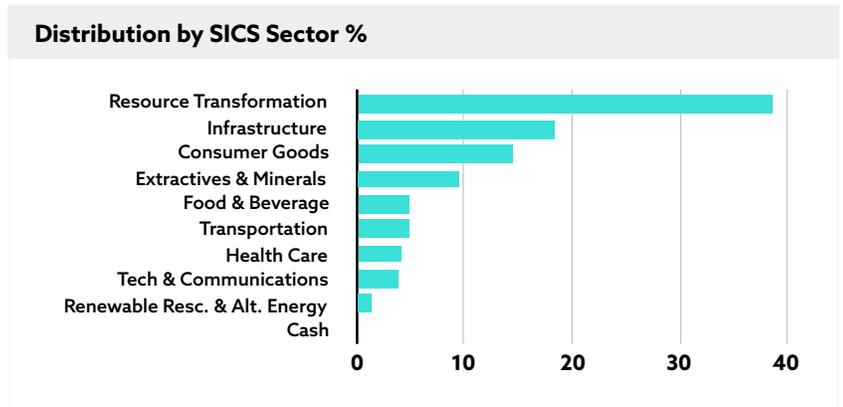
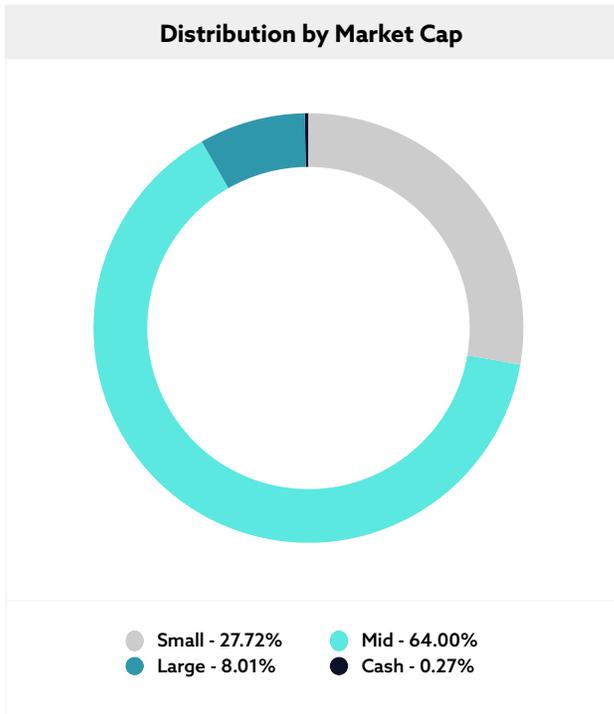
Advisory Fee	0.75%
Holdings	36
Market Cap	\$10.18B
Dividend Yield	1.43
Debt/Capital	51.13
P/E (FY1 Est.)	14.40
Beta	1.16
EV/FCF	18.46
EV/Sales	1.19
P/S	0.78
EPS Growth (3-5 year Estimated)	9.76

### Performance

**+25.87%** ZERO WASTE  
**+37.45%\*** S&P 500



# Portfolio Distribution



**Portfolio Risk Level: Moderately Aggressive**

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Given the market capitalization and availability of companies in the Zero Waste theme, this portfolio will likely be fairly concentrated, which means it's also likely to see short-term volatility (prices going up and down). Therefore, this portfolio should be seen as a long-term investment.

## Top Ten Holdings

(40.49% of portfolio)

Company	Ticker	Weight	Description	MSCI ESG Rating
Steel Dynamics, Inc.	STLD	4.10%	Omnisource, a wholly owned subsidiary of Steel Dynamics, shreds cars and recycles metal. With about 90 metal recycling locations throughout the US, that's a huge saving on emissions and natural resources.	BB
Donaldson Co., Inc.	DCI	4.08%	Donaldson delivers top quality filtration products for the wind power industry, ensuring that every ounce of kinetic energy is maximized.	A
Darling Ingredients, Inc.	DAR	4.07%	Darling Ingredients Inc. creates sustainable food, animal feed, and fuel from products that have been recycled and treated for reuse.	BBB
WestRock Co.	WRK	4.06%	WestRock manufactures paper and packaging goods for a range of commercial markets. It also offers services for recycling and waste disposal.	BB
Commercial Metals Co.	CMC	4.05%	Commercial Metals Company manufactures, sells, and recycles steel and metal materials to mills, foundries, alloy manufacturers, and other customers.	BBB
Dover Corp.	DOV	4.04%	Dover's Environmental Solutions Group encompasses a set of big thinking companies that have joined forces to serve the solid waste and recycling industry.	BBB
Tetra Tech, Inc.	TTEK	4.04%	Tetra Tech created a fluidized bed biosolids incinerator system with an activated carbon filter— the cleanest burning, most advanced municipal biosolids incinerator system in the country.	A
Koninklijke Philips NV	PHG	4.02%	Koninklijke Philips aims to have 95% of its revenue linked to the Sustainable Development Goals, they also plan to be carbon neutral by 2020.	A
Mohawk Industries, Inc.	MHK	4.02%	Mohawk Industries specializes in waste reuse. Their inventions include a collection of carpets made from 100% PET plastic soda bottles, and a program to repurpose all process waste from their facilities.	A
RPM International, Inc.	RPM	4.01%	RPM businesses incorporate sustainability in their product innovation by reducing and eliminating chemicals of concern and implementing processes that reduce waste generation and energy consumption.	BB

# Portfolio Management Team

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## Glossary

**Advisory fee** – The percentage of your account value that an investment company or manager charges to handle your account. Also, sometimes called a management fee. Swell clients pay a single fee of 0.75% per year on their invested assets for brokerage, custodial, investment advisory, and other related services defined in our [Advisory Agreement](#).

**Benchmark** – A standard against which the performance of a security or investment manager can be measured. Generally, broad market and market-segment stock indexes are used for this purpose.

**Beta** – A measure of how risky a company's stock is relative to the broader market. The market has a beta of 1.0, and individual stocks are ranked by how much they deviate from the market's beta. If a stock swings more than the market over time, it means that its beta is higher than 1.0. If it moves less than the market, the stock's beta is less than 1.0. High-beta stocks are supposed to be riskier, but also provide potential for higher returns; similarly, low-beta stocks pose less risk, but also lower returns.

**Debt to capital** – The ratio of total debt divided by total debt plus total shareholders' equity.

**Dividend yield** – The annual dividends per share paid by a company divided by its security price.

**Earnings per share** – The amount of income earned during a period per share of common stock.

**Earnings per share projected growth rate (EPS growth)** – The compounded annualized (three or five year) projected rate of growth of a company's earnings.

**Enterprise value (EV)** – Total company value (the market value of debt, common equity, and preferred equity) minus the value of cash and investments.

**Enterprise value to free cash flow (EV/FCF)** – A financial ratio that compares the total value (as measured by enterprise value) of the company to its free cash flow.

**Enterprise value to sales (EV/S)** – A financial ratio that compares the total value (as measured by enterprise value) of the company to its sales.

**Equity (i.e., stock)** – An instrument that signifies an ownership position, or equity, in a corporation, and represents a claim on its proportionate share in the corporation's assets and profits.

**Free cash flow (FCF)** – The actual cash that would be available to the company's investors after making all investments necessary to maintain the company as an ongoing enterprise (also referred to as free cash flow to the firm); the internally generated funds that can be distributed to the company's investors (e.g., shareholders and bondholders) without impairing the value of the company.

**Market capitalization** – The size of a company. To calculate a company's market cap, multiply the total number of a company's outstanding shares by the current price per share. Swell uses the same market cap thresholds as the [Russell Indexes](#): Large cap (approximately \$26.3 billion to \$926.9 billion), mid cap (approximately \$2.9 billion to \$26.3 billion), and small cap (approximately \$159.2 million to \$2.9 billion).

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**Price to earnings (P/E) one-year forward estimate (FY1 Est.)** – Price of the stock divided by its one-year projected forward earnings.

**Price-to-sales ratio (P/S)** – Calculated by dividing the stock's current price per share by its sales.

**Risk level** – Swell's portfolio risk levels are based on their asset class. Swell portfolios are typically moderate to high risk based on the following scale:

Risk level	Asset Class
5	International Equities
4	US Small & Mid Cap Equities
3	US Large Cap Equities
2	Fixed Income Securities
1	Cash & Cash Equivalents

**Sustainable Industry Classification System® (SICS®)** uses an impact-focused methodology categorizing companies under a sustainability lens. SICS builds on and complements traditional classification systems by grouping companies into sectors and industries in accordance with a fundamental view of their business model, their resource intensity and sustainability impacts, and their sustainability innovation potential. For unclassified companies we supplement with GICS.

**Volatility** – One gauge of how risky it is to own a security or portfolio. It provides a measure of how much the price tends

# Disclosures

## Sources

1. "Advancing sustainable materials management: Facts and figures," US EPA; Bloomberg sustainable finance briefing, March 23, 2017.
2. The performance shown is the actual results of an investment account held by an affiliate assuming a 0.75% annual advisory fee. Performance shown is net of fees and transaction-related expenses and includes reinvestment of dividends greater than \$1 dollar. The S&P 500 Index benchmark data was provided by Xignite.
3. Portfolio metrics and weights are provided by Bloomberg.

\*All portfolio holdings are available for review on our website at [www.swellinvesting.com](http://www.swellinvesting.com)

## Benchmarks

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