

Brown Socially Responsible Investment Fund

What is SRIF?



- Undergraduate-run investment fund with around \$180,000 in assets under management (AUM)
- Target investments in companies that have strong financial prospects and strong performance on material ESG (environmental, social, governance) factors
- Conventional investing tends to focus primarily on earning a financial return with respect to a benchmark
 - ESG investing goes a step further: it analyses material sustainability metrics to identify opportunities and mitigate risks
- Our investment process and theses are iterative: we refine them continually
- ESG investing has gone "mainstream", but:
 - Lots of funds still limit themselves to simply employing negative screens
 - Many investors still believe that integrating ESG means sacrificing returns
 - ESG data and disclosure is still not standardised or mainstream
 - Investment universe can be limited to developed markets, large-cap companies
 - Most student-run investment funds still follow a traditional investment approach

What does ESG mean to us?



- Superb performance in ESG often implies superb performance financially
 - We invest in best-in class companies that also meet ESG criteria
- Examples of ESG:
 - **Environmental:** Company making a lot of cash, but has a recurring theme of environmental scandals → fines, regulation, negative public sentiment
 - Social: Retail company does not disclose/is deceptive about raw material sourcing or labour standards → human rights/environmental violations could tarnish brand reputation or spark litigation
 - Governance: CEO maintains a high creative influence/owns most of the company, or there are recurring scandals → company may see immediate drops in value, and could struggle to retain customers and retain quality employees
- Bringing together 'value' and 'values':
 - Market-beating returns
 - An exciting learning experience
 - Investing in accordance with our values













What we do in a Meeting



- 1. Macroeconomic Update
 - a. What's going on in the world, and what's relevant to us
- 2. Company Pitch!
 - a. Finance Pitch
 - i. Examine industry, company, business model. financial statements, outlook.
 - ii. We teach people everything they need to know; no experience is required and anyone can participate
 - b. ESG Pitch
 - i. Scrutinize company's environmental impact and record
 - ii. Evaluate company's overall **social** impact, i.e., its impact on stakeholders including employees, consumers, communities, etc.
 - iii. Look at a company's **governance** structure to examine management incentives and performance
- 3. Elevator Pitches
 - i. One-slide summaries of potential investments or sales
 - ii. Anyone can do an elevator pitch!
- 4. Everyone can vote on pitches

Pitch Structure and Organization



Coordination

- Sign-up via Google Form sent through email
- Finance and ESG Chairs reach out
 - In-person meetings
 - Provide frameworks/resources
 - Answer questions and advise

• Working on the Pitch

- Finance and ESG Chairs divide work
- Collaborate on Slack, work alongside Chairs and Sector Analysts
- Review slides and edit/provide feedback

Presenting

- Present pitch in meeting
- ESG slides and Elevator pitches are great ways to start out

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Why SRIF?

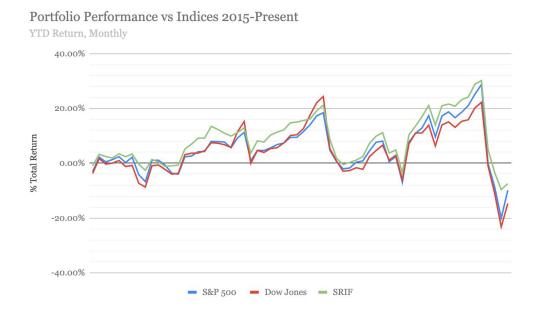


- One of the oldest and largest student-run funds of our kind
- Largest undergraduate-run ESG equity fund in the country
- This year also marks a new decade of SRIF: the fund started with \$30k in 2009, and then reached \$100l in $2015 \rightarrow $180k$ today
- Welcoming, democratic and inclusive \rightarrow input on Day 1.
- You learn:
 - How to analyze a company's financial statements
 - How to present data and insights to an audience
 - The fundamentals of ESG and Sustainable Investing
- Opportunities to challenge yourself, take on responsibility, build a stronger community and dive deep into investing by joining our **board**
- We demonstrate solid returns (more on this later!)
- An ever-expanding network of alums and young professionals
- Fun events include...
 - FSIcon, Pitch-offs, SRIF semi-formal, and more!

Portfolio Overview



- SRIF manages over \$180,000 in real money!
 - $\sim 4.9\%$ of portfolio (\sim \$8,800) still in cash
 - Well-diversified portfolio made up of **49 stocks**
 - Not just in "traditionally-ESG" sectors
 - Select portfolio companies: Microsoft, Nike, Starbucks, Nestle
- SRIF delivers consistent returns
 - 2019 return: **32.10%** (S&P 500: 28.71%, Dow Jones: 22.24%)



Macroeconomics Update [Davis]



- Analyzing key risks across our portfolio with respect to global events
 - COVID-19 pandemic
 - Risks for CR/INDS companies → Starbucks, Allegion have struggled with consumer spending decline
 - \blacksquare Risks for Financials/Real Estate \rightarrow BAML, Avalon Bay Communities
 - High concentration of liquidity in markets
 - High valuations in February and at present highlight potential selling opportunities
 - February/March buys largely successful because of risk management → SAP, Danaher
 - Dominance of tech as a threat to other sectors
 - As Amazon takes market share away from traditional retail/shipping amid pandemic, we were able to avoid downstream effects
- Is our portfolio recession-resistant?
- Exposure of our portfolio to emerging markets affected by COVID
 - Americas
 - Businesses in portfolio largely concentrated in USA with some presence in LATAM
 - o Asia
 - Asia exposure not particularly significant because of ESG concerns related to China and overall supply chain structure in the region

Portfolio Review - Trends and Activity [Sabrina]



- Preparing our portfolio for certain macroeconomic conditions & scenarios
- Upcoming events
 - COVID vaccine
 - If approved, could lead to a bounceback in entire portfolio
 - If not approved, work-from-home stocks could be worth looking into
 - US-Election
 - Prepare for volatility
 - If Biden wins, corporate taxes could increase
 - If Trump wins, US-China tensions could increase

• Robust Portfolio Analysis

- Looking to deploy more analysis tools to assess attribution, factor analysis throughout the portfolio
- Using analysis to better inform investing decisions
 - Buys: being more targeted in the companies we're pitching
 - Sells: identifying positions where stock expected to underperform or where the thesis has played out: stock is overvalued and already realized gains

Summer 2020 Sell Pitches

- Clean-up portfolio, set aside cash for future purchases
- Sold Waste Management, iRobot, Siemens
- Review positions that have limited upside

Portfolio Review - Performance



Top Overall

Company	Buy Price (\$)	Current Price (\$)	Total Return (%)
Microsoft Corp.	37.75	214.25	+461.83%
Mastercard Inc.	77.30	335.01	+333.41%
Nextera Energy	63.46	277.32	+337.00%
Zoetis Inc.	78.98	136.31	+196.00%

Top YTD (2020)

Company	1/1/2020 Price (\$)	Current Price (\$)	YTD Return (%)
Nvidia Corp.	235.30	504.90	+114.58%
United Natural Foods Inc.	8.76	17.87	+104.00%
Cadence Design Systems	69.36	105.88	+52.65%
Adobe Inc.	329.81	491.94	+49.16%

Portfolio Review - Recent Transactions



Exits

Company	Sell Date	Buy Price (\$)	Sell Price (\$)	SRIF Return (%)
Facebook	12/12/19	80.78	202.70	+150.93%
Amazon	11/08/19	1591.39	1775.10	+11.54%
Celgene	10/09/19	90.22	99.62	+10.42%
Hasbro	05/02/19	83.93	102.10	+21.65%

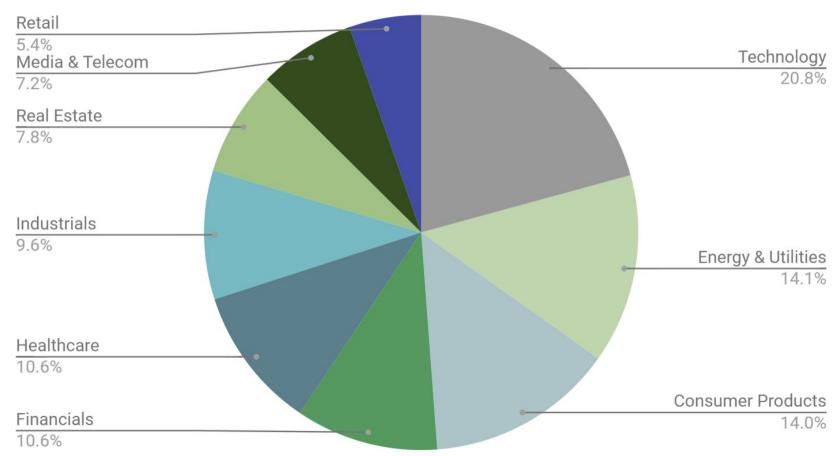
Acquisitions

Company	Buy Date	Buy Price (\$)	SRIF Return (%)	YTD Return (%)
Marsh & McLennan	04/28/20	97.26	+16.20%	+1.86%
Cadence Design Systems	04/14/20	75.52	+33.00%	+44.81%
Bank of America	04/07/20	24.54	+3.82%	-27.65%
Danaher Corp	03/31/20	133.09	+47.38%	+27.80%

Portfolio - Sector Breakdown







Mentorship and Education



You will hear from industry experts!

- ➤ Periodic education sessions/workshops with ESG/finance professionals
- ➤ Alumni are engaged with SRIF leadership and look to give back to the team

You will be up-to-date on the markets!

- Global macroeconomic updates
- > Stay informed through pitches and discussions

We will mentor you!

- ➤ Our board and alumni have navigated the recruiting process and landed top offers across all industries → investment banking, consulting, PE/VC/HF, asset management, S&T, SWE
- Mentorship program with BFC and informal SRIF networking
- Recruiting-focused overview sessions and mock interviews
- > Career advice and resources

