

Apricus Balanced

As of December 31, 2025

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STRATEGY SUMMARY

Long-term Strategy: Apricus Balanced balances long-term capital growth and current income by investing in stocks of Enduring businesses and Investment Grade Bonds.

Equities: Quantitative and qualitative analysis is used to identify Enduring businesses that demonstrate operational stability, conservative balance sheets, excellent management teams, repeat customers, and growing markets. There is a focus on dividend and growth as we view dividends as cash-certain returns on investment and the growth of dividends as protection against inflation. Dividends from financially sound companies can reduce portfolio volatility as well as contribute to current income goals.

Bonds: Investment grade bonds of short to intermediate maturities are utilized to minimize credit and interest rate risk while providing income and reducing portfolio volatility.

Goal: The overriding objective of Apricus Balanced is to provide superior risk-adjusted total returns across a full economic cycle, while producing income which supports client's long-term financial goals.

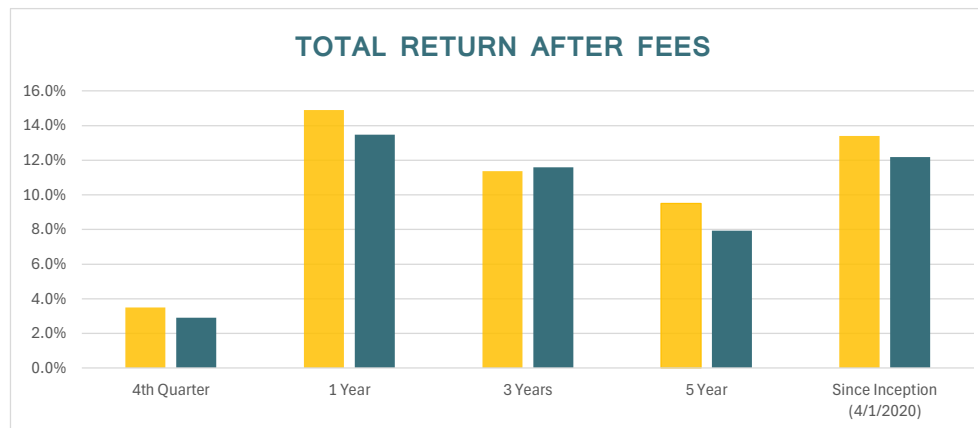
SECTOR EXPOSURE

	Apricus Core	Benchmark
Communication Services	5.5%	2.0%
Consumer Discretionary	1.9%	3.0%
Consumer Staples	16.2%	10.3%
Energy	18.2%	5.7%
Financials	15.2%	25.3%
Health Care	14.2%	11.9%
Industrials	2.9%	11.2%
Information Technology	2.9%	16.9%
Materials	8.1%	5.1%
Utilities	7.1%	4.3%
Real Estate	0.0%	3.9%
Cash	7.8%	0.4%

QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

The U.S. equity markets proved resilient again in the final quarter of 2025, with the S&P 500 rising +2.7%. Markets experienced a dose of volatility in mid-November, as the benchmark Index fell -4.4% amid the shutdown of the U.S. government, coupled with concerns about the direction of Federal Reserve monetary policy and AI-related profitability and valuations. After the short-lived reversal, the market moved to the upside in late November. On December 10, the Federal Reserve lowered its benchmark Fed Funds target rate by 25 basis points to a range of 3.50-3.75%. The prospects of a more dovish Fed, along with strong corporate earnings growth coming out of the third quarter, were supporting factors for the equity markets in the last five weeks of the year. For the year 2025, the S&P 500 produced a total return of +17.9%. As equity prices rose, the slope of the U.S. Treasury yield curve turned more positive, driven by market forces and then a more accommodative Federal Reserve. Two-year rates declined to 3.47% from 3.60% at the end of the third quarter, but ten-year yields held steady, closing the year at 4.18%.

PERFORMANCE



	Annualized Returns				
	4th Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Year	Since Inception
Apricus Balanced	3.5%	14.9%	11.4%	9.5%	13.4%
Balanced Benchmark	2.9%	13.5%	11.6%	7.9%	12.2%

TOP TEN EQUITY HOLDINGS

	Weight	Yield	P/E	Growth
State Street Corporation	3.8%	2.4%	13.1	14.5%
Merck & Co., Inc.	3.4%	3.1%	12.1	9.6%
Bank of America Corp	3.3%	2.0%	14.6	16.1%
Tyson Foods, Inc. Class A	3.0%	3.4%	14.6	10.2%
Bunge Global SA	2.9%	3.1%	12.5	4.1%
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft Spon	2.9%	1.4%	23.4	13.3%
Cisco Systems, Inc.	2.9%	2.1%	18.1	7.9%
SLB Limited	2.8%	3.0%	14.7	-1.0%
Citigroup Inc.	2.8%	2.0%	16.1	26.7%
Unilever PLC Sponsored ADR	2.6%	3.4%	17.2	7.0%

* Asset class allocations vary by portfolio. Weights of top ten holdings and sector exposure reflect equity allocation only.

Holdings and characteristics reflect holdings of a single representative account and are subject to change.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS OF THE BALANCED BENCHMARK AND ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES.

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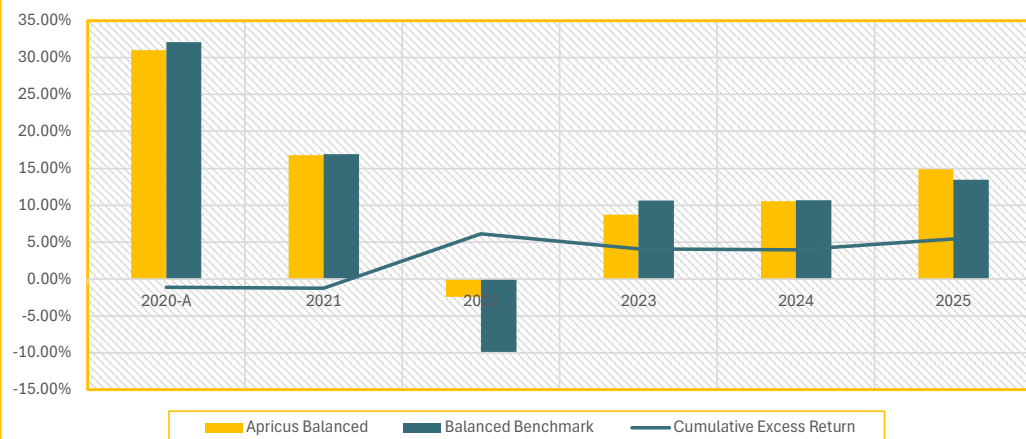
Firm Overview

Apricus Wealth LLC is a 100% employee-owned wealth advisor and investment manager. Our clients benefit from investment strategies built on comprehensive analysis and decades of market expertise. Through deep personal client relationships and a disciplined institutional grade approach, we help clients achieve greater financial confidence and enhanced opportunities to meet their wealth objectives.

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Apricus Balanced (NET)



Balanced Portfolio Characteristics

	Balanced	Benchmark
Inception Date	4/1/2020	
Beta (Trailing 3 Years)	0.88	1.00
Standard Deviation (trailing 3 years)	7.75%	10.44%

Equity Component Characteristics*

	Apricus Core	R 1000 Value
Dividend Yield	3.16%	1.83%
P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 months)	16.6	21.0
Earnings Growth 3-5 Year Est	8.20%	10.50%
Price/Book Ratio	3.2	5.0
Sharpe Ratio	0.73	0.47
Upside Capture Since Inception	91.5%	100.0%
Downside Capture Since Inception	90.3%	100.0%

*Equity Component Characteristics reflect a single representative account.

YEAR	COMPOSITE GROSS RETURNS	COMPOSITE NET RETURNS	BALANCED BENCHMARK RETURNS	COMPOSITE 3 YEAR STD DEV	BENCHMARK 3 YEAR STD DEV	PORTFOLIOS IN COMPOSITE	COMPOSITE DISPERSION	COMPOSITE ASSETS MILLIONS	FIRM ASSETS MILLIONS
2025	15.63%	14.90%	13.47%	7.75%	10.4%	110	3.80	\$188	\$336
2024	11.23%	10.55%	10.67%	11.53%	14.1%	88	2.35	\$140	\$273
2023	9.43%	8.73%	10.66%	11.60%	13.7%	66	4.18	\$107	\$227
2022	-1.82%	-2.41%	-9.87%	N/A ¹	17.0%	60	7.50	\$93	\$168
2021	17.45%	16.78%	16.91%	N/A ¹	14.7%	47	11.61	\$87	\$163
2020-A	31.51%	30.98%	32.09%	N/A ¹	15.2%	28	N/A	\$53	\$96

2020 - A: Performance from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. SEE PAGE 3 FOR ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES.

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The blended benchmark for the composite is 70% the Russell 1000 Value and 30% the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index. The benchmark is rebalanced monthly. The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values and generally higher dividend yields. The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Bond Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial issuers. Reference to the benchmark is for comparative purposes only and is not intended to indicate that the composite will contain the same investments as the benchmark.

Returns presented are time-weighted returns. Net of fee performance is calculated using actual management fees. The composite 3-year annualized standard deviation and internal dispersion are calculated using gross returns. Valuations are computed and performance is reported in US dollars. Net performance is defined as the performance results of a portfolio after the deduction of all fees and expenses that a client or investor has paid in connection with the adviser's services to the relevant portfolio. Actual client portfolios are subject to the deduction of various fees and expenses which would lower returns. Custodian fees, if paid to a bank or other third-party organization for safekeeping funds and securities may be excluded from the calculation of net performance. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Portfolios with significant cash flows (10% in or out) in a month are excluded from the calculation for that month. The internal dispersion is not presented if there were 5 or fewer accounts in the composite at each year-end.

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FEE SCHEDULE	
Accounts Separately Managed	
Assets	Rate
First \$2 million	1.00%
Next \$3 million	0.75%
Over \$5 million	0.50%