Batten Fund 2020-21

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What does the Batten Fund do?

• Manage an equity portfolio of approximately $1,000,000
• Approach to investing
  • Fundamental research about prospective investments
  • Hold a sector-neutral portfolio
  • Invest in the small-mid cap space
What does the portfolio look like?

• Typically 15-20 individual stocks?
• Filled out with sector ETFs to keep the portfolio balanced with respect to sectors
Stock Pitch Process

- Analyst builds a fundamental (DCF) model of the company and writes an equity research report
- Analyst distributes report to classmates and executive partners for feedback one week before pitch
- Analyst makes ~25 minute presentation to the class
- Class Q&A
- Analyst leaves for class discussion
- Analysts vote – majority of analysts determine buy/pass
Post-Pitch and Other Activities

• Monitoring of stocks for changes in circumstance and/or evidence that the theses on which we bought the stock might not hold
• Sector reviews
• Portfolio manager role