# Orchard US Small Cap Value Fund Inaugural Note and January 2023 ESG Activity

### Orchard's Approach to ESG: Context

Orchard Capital Management is a committed partner in furthering improvement and transparency in Environmental, Sustainability, Social and Governance aspects of the companies in which we invest. Over the years, we have improved the capabilities of the firm our data partners and our own tracking and engagement capabilities. Orchard does this in a universe (Small Value companies in the United States) that is generally not well covered by data providers and generally does not disclose environmental and social data broadly, consistently or at all. Given the challenges within our category, we have integrated our ESG research into our general securities research. Our analysts rely primarily on their own proprietary research and Orchard can benefit from that access and focus to identify additional qualitative and quantitative insight on companies that may not share their ESG picture. It also allows us to engage with companies when there is an issue of significance or when we see and opportunity to drive greater disclosure.

2022 included some of that activity, but we also upgraded our quantitative portfolio oversight and general engagement capability. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, we invested in more extensive data and time resources bent on scoring all of our portfolio companies and our entire investment universe. We now are capable of scoring our companies on:

- Disclosure companies are measured on disclosure scores on an absolute basis and versus their industry group.
- Do No Harm Scoring (DNHS) European
   Union DNHS measures are now the standard
   and we now can measure our companies' on
   six environmental DNHS categories
- Other ancillary and granular measures that allow us to enrich our understanding of the scores and the companies.

#### Engagement Campaign

Orchard identified underreporting as the greatest barrier to change in the category and initiated more active engagement with companies, which expanded

into a full, whole-portfolio campaign focused on both disclosure and improvement

- Campaign scores each company with summary snapshot scores versus a fully scored industry
- Campaign formally contacts company, shares scores and asks to engage company on scores and underlying data
- Orchard follows up with companies, tracks scoring and disclosure changes over time

## Porfolio EU Scoring Dashboard Orchard U.S. Small Can Value Fund Scoring vs. Rigomberg Industry Group

	Relative Versus Industry in Russell 2000 Value (Relative Score color vs Holdings)								
Relative: vs Industry	EU Taxonomy: DO No Harm Scoring								
	Average DNSH	Mitigation	Adaptation	Water	Waste	Biodiversity	Polution		
	+4.8	+8.3	+4.1	+6.5	+4.2	+5.5	+0.3		
AMERIS BANCORP	-16.4	-11.3	-4.4	-14.0	-31.1	-17.0	-20		
ARCOSA INC	-99	-14.1	-11.7	-9.1	-6.8	-10.9	-4		
ARCBEST CORP	16.0	37.2	17.0	18.7	19.9	-3.1	-		
ARDELYX INC	3.4	1.4	-0.2	3.2	6.3	3.8			
AXOS FINANCIAL INC	4.4	-0.2	9.9	27	6.4	3.0			
PATHWARD FINANCIAL INC	-16.4	-11.3	-4.4	-14.0	-31.1	-17.0	-2		
CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO	2.8	-3.7	-2.4	2.8	4.2	3.3	1		
CENTURY CASINOS INC	0.7	-1.9	-3.7	-0.7	6.5	-2.6			
CRITEO SA-SPON ADR	23.4	73.3	28.6	0.0	17.5	16.0			
DIGITALBRIDGE GROUP INC	-21.0	-16.2	-15.6	-19.7	-34.1	-20.0	-2		
ENHABIT INC	2.1	-9.2	-3.4	-5.9	12.5	15.3			
ENCOMPASS HEALTH CORP	2.1	-92	-3.4	-5.9	12.5	15.3			
ENOVA INTERNATIONAL INC	-25	-6.1	-7.9	-21	-0.8	-0.4			
B9BIO INC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
FRANKLIN BSP REALTY TRUST IN	-0.2	-6.1	6.4	-2.1	-0.8	-0.4			
FIRST FOUNDATION INC	2.0	-0.2	-4.4	2.7	6.4	3.0			
FTALINFRASTRUCTURE INC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
FTALAVIATION LTD	33.3	47.2	32.1	47.9	14.2	51.6			
GREENLIGHT CAPITAL RE LTD-A	12.0	14.4	3.2	15.4	15.3	20.0			
HERON THERAPEUTICS INC	3.4	1.4	-0.2	3.2	6.3	3.8			
DT CORP-CLASS B	-0.2	-5.1	-1.3	-30	3.4	0.0			
LIONS GATE ENTERTAINMENT-A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS INC-A	31.4	51.2	9.5	47.2	29.2	44.4			
NI HOLDINGS INC	-0.4	3.3	-11.1	-12	2.8	0.0			
OMNIAB INC	0.1	-5.6	-2.0	1.8	4.0	-29			
REVOLVE GROUP INC	13.9	6.3	6.1	11.9	26.8	14.3	- 1		
SHYFT GROUP INC/THE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
STANDARD MOTOR PRODS	15.9	25.0	32.1	35.4	9.4	0.0			
SOLARIS OLFIELD INFRAST-A	-28.3	-29.2	-22.5	-8.8	-39.5	-41.1	- 4		
SUMMIT MATERIALS INC -CL A	13.7	22.2	0.0	25.0	12.5	10.0	- 1		
BANCORP INC/THE	4.4	-0.2	9.9	2.7	6.4	3.0			
TRINITY INDUSTRIES INC	22.3	35.2	38.1	11.1	20.8	20.0			
TRIMAS CORP	6.9	-11.1	10.2	11.9	19.6	14.3			
ÆRSABANK	23.1	45.7	34.3	15.0	11.9	12.0			
MASAT INC	22.2	30.1	-4.2	21.5	34.9	39.2	1		
GARRETT MOTION INC	-3.8	13.9	-25.0	35.4	-15.6	0.0	-3		



- Orchard collaborates with data providers (Bloomberg) to advocate for additional scoring and reporting to expand reach and influence
- Orchard uses tracked progress (or lack thereof) to advocate for other changes and empowers engagement discussions

We initiated this campaign in December with meetings in January, February and beyond. We expect to do this at least annually with each company.

### January ESG Update

We began outreach in January:

- Initial Meetings:
  - Summit Materials
  - Standard Motor Products
  - Lions Gate Entertainment
  - Greenlight Capital Reinsurance

Notable activity or insights: Early meetings were spend on education and raising familiarity with Do No Harm Scoring and

disclosure methodology. Generally, companies were open to learning more. Summit materials has a more robust campaign and was surprised that it didn't score better. For them and others, we will be sharing data to help empower many companies to know where they will need to close the gap on disclosure.

Below, we share the data that we used for January conversations, with more data also provided via dashboard (above) to our analysts and the companies. Many of these data points are annual and will not change frequently.

### **Example Shared Snapshot**





### Year End Do No Harm Portfolio Scoring

Relative: vs Index	EU Taxonomy: DO No Harm Scoring									
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ENOVAINTERNATIONAL INC	-2.5		-7.9		-0.8		2.1			
89BIO INC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0			
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Source: Orchard Capital, Bloomberg ESG, Company data

Thank you for your continued support and engagment

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