

Portfolio Commentary

Large Cap Growth

Q1 | 2020

MARKET REVIEW

The global COVID-19 pandemic and a sharp drop in oil prices, worsened by a price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia, prompted some of the largest U.S. stock market declines in the first quarter since the Great Depression. The pullback quickly and decisively ended the longest running U.S. bull market in history, with major benchmarks entering bear-market territory just under a month after hitting all-time highs. As shelter-in-place mandates were instituted by governments around the world, economies ground to a halt, and the U.S. appeared to be headed inevitably toward recession.

Large-cap growth stocks generally suffered less than their small-cap and value-oriented counterparts throughout the downturn and subsequent late-quarter rebound. The Russell 1000® Growth Index fell 14.10% during the quarter, experiencing losses in all sectors except utilities, which was flat (+0.00%). The other most defensive sectors were real estate (-10.03%) and information technology (-11.39%), while the energy (-52.96%) and industrials (-26.02%) sectors posted the largest declines.

PERFORMANCE

For the quarter, the Silvant Large Cap Growth Strategy Composite outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index, returning -13.15%/-13.32% (gross/net) compared to -14.10% for the benchmark. Stock selection in the consumer discretionary, healthcare, consumer staples, and real estate sectors added the most to performance. Stock selection in the financials sector and an overweight position in the energy sector until March weighed the most on returns.

Amazon.com and Teladoc Health were among the strongest stock contributors to relative performance.

- Amazon.com outperformed the benchmark after strong reporting results early in the period and a relatively quick rebound after the broader market sell-off, as investors recognized the e-commerce retailer's ability to thrive and capture greater market share during the coronavirus crisis. We maintained our position, given the company's attractive fundamentals and increased demand momentum, demonstrated by its recent announcement of plans to hire an additional 100,000 warehouse and delivery workers.
- Virtual healthcare company Teladoc Health, a new portfolio holding added in the quarter, soared on strong revenue growth and a huge demand surge in remote health monitoring during the pandemic lockdown. We held on to the stock, as we expect this rapid, broader adoption will be supportive of continued long-term growth gains, as more users experience the benefits and convenience of the company's services.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Wtd. Avg. Market Cap (\$b)	453.82	382.61
Price-to-Earnings*	24.60x	21.56x
Price-to-Book	5.95x	6.47x
Price-to-Sales	3.56x	3.09x
Std. Dev. (3 yr) (%)	16.03	15.18
Alpha (3 yr) (%)	-0.12	0.00
Beta (3 yr)	1.05	1.00
Std. Dev. (5 yr) (%)	14.87	13.86
Alpha (5 yr) (%)	-2.11	0.00
Beta (5 yr)	1.05	1.00
Est. 3-5 Yr EPS Growth (%)	17.08	13.71
Operating Margin (%)	22.62	22.69

*P/E is calculated using forward 12-month earnings.

TOP

CONTRIBUTORS^{1,2}

	Average Weight	Relative Attribution
Amazon.com, Inc.	7.57	0.45
Microsoft Corp.	10.67	0.38
Teladoc Health, Inc.	0.43	0.32
Netflix, Inc.	2.08	0.31
Dexcom, Inc.	0.74	0.18
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	1.18	0.18
Equinix, Inc.	1.11	0.16
NVIDIA Corp.	1.56	0.16
Costco Wholesale Corp.	2.30	0.13
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	0.84	0.08

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DETRACTORS^{1,2}

	Average Weight	Relative Attribution
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	0.50	-0.44
Walt Disney Co.	1.54	-0.32
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	1.65	-0.31
EOG Resources, Inc.	0.42	-0.27
Universal Display Corp.	0.97	-0.23
Exact Sciences Corp.	0.81	-0.18
Emerson Electric Co.	0.60	-0.16
American Express Co.	1.08	-0.14
Honeywell International, Inc.	1.37	-0.13
Applied Materials, Inc.	1.33	-0.12

Relative attribution: excess return relative to the benchmark, limited to stocks held in the portfolio.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS¹ (% of portfolio)

Microsoft Corp.	11.62
Amazon.com, Inc.	8.64
Apple, Inc.	8.02
Visa, Inc. Class A	5.25
Facebook, Inc. Class A	3.88
Alphabet, Inc. Class C	3.58
Alphabet, Inc. Class A	3.48
Netflix, Inc.	2.50
Mastercard, Inc. Class A	2.50
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	2.46

Source: FactSet. All data as of 3/31/2020.

¹ See Holdings Disclosure on page 3.

² The contributors/detractors listed do not represent all securities purchased or sold for our clients. To obtain a list showing the contribution of each holding that contributed to overall performance during the quarter and the calculation methodology, please call 404-845-7640.

Royal Caribbean and Walt Disney Company were the largest stock detractors from relative performance.

- Shares for cruise operator Royal Caribbean tumbled as the company was forced to suspend operations due to the coronavirus, with a surge in cancellations and a precipitous drop in forward bookings for at least the near future. We continued to hold a small position in the stock, as there appears to be more value than reflected in investors' current incredibly low expectations, which suggest they believe the company may not even survive.
- Walt Disney fell on concerns about coming weakness resulting from its theme park closures and content production disruptions due to the pandemic. We trimmed our position but continued to hold the stock at quarter-end.

PORTFOLIO CHANGES

During the quarter, we added one new position, Teladoc Health (discussed above), while notable exits included EOG Resources and Etsy.

- Given the weakness of the energy sector, we sold our remaining small holding in oil exploration and production company EOG Resources, after previously trimming the position. Energy stocks now account for less than 1% of the benchmark, and we are finding more compelling investment options elsewhere.
- We exited online marketplace operator Etsy after it announced major changes to its advertising model, which had only recently been introduced. This suggested the company was not seeing much benefit in its new advertising efforts—a potential growth crack in one of our key metrics for the stock—so we decided to sell the position.

PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (%) AS OF 3/31/2020

	Quarter-end Sector Weights		Impact		
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Sector Weight	Stock Selection	Total
Communication Services	15.49	11.65	0.01	-0.05	-0.04
Consumer Discretionary	14.39	14.07	0.00	0.46	0.45
Consumer Staples	4.75	4.63	-0.03	0.27	0.23
Energy	0.00	0.14	-0.12	-0.07	-0.19
Financials	1.32	2.91	0.09	-0.21	-0.12
Healthcare	13.36	15.10	-0.02	0.34	0.31
Industrials	8.03	8.01	-0.02	0.13	0.10
Information Technology	39.84	39.75	-0.05	0.03	-0.02
Materials	1.51	1.25	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05
Real Estate	1.32	2.49	-0.04	0.21	0.16
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total			-0.20	1.08	0.83

Source: FactSet.

Performance attribution does not incorporate the effects of cash, unclassified securities or expenses and may change at any time without notice. The total impact may not equal the difference between Portfolio and Benchmark returns.

OUTLOOK

Our current base-case expectation is that the U.S. economy likely faces a recession in the next few quarters, which has largely been priced into the markets already. Once investors are able to digest the magnitude and duration of this slowdown, we expect a sluggish but steady grind back to more normalized revenue and earnings growth, which was starting to show signs of deceleration last year. History suggests that it can typically take two to three years, on average, for earnings to recover to similar pre-recession levels, but stock valuations can often move quickly to reflect what the actual trajectory looks like. In this type of environment, paying close attention to fundamentals can be instrumental to identifying the companies best positioned to exceed investor expectations. Of course, much of the macroeconomic picture will depend on how the COVID-19 pandemic plays out. However, the \$6 trillion in U.S. monetary and fiscal stimulus response has been quicker and larger than any in the country's history, offering a significant cushion of support.

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON (%) AS OF 3/31/2020

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Large Cap Growth Composite (Gross)	-13.15	-13.15	0.58	11.67	8.53	12.42
Large Cap Growth Composite (Net)	-13.32	-13.32	-0.17	10.84	7.72	11.59
Russell 1000® Growth Index	-14.10	-14.10	0.91	11.32	10.36	12.97
eVestment Alliance Large Cap Growth Median*	-14.38	-14.38	-1.16	10.42	9.07	12.24
# of Portfolios in Median Calculation	313	313	313	304	293	260

eVestment Alliance data capture date: 4/23/2020

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LARGE CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE 4/1/07 – 3/31/2020

Year	Gross of Fee Return (%)	Net of Fee Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion (%)	3-Year Standard Deviation		Total Composite Assets at End of Period (US\$ Mil)	Total Firm Assets (US\$ Mil)
						Composite	Benchmark		
2020 YTD	-13.15	-13.32	-14.10	Five or fewer	N/A	16.03	15.18	262	692
2019	35.10	34.12	36.39	Five or fewer	N/A	14.14	13.07	308	821
2018	0.05	-0.69	-1.51	7	0.19	13.79	12.13	308	748
2017	28.03	27.09	30.21	12	0.14	11.78	10.54	730	1,138
2016	-2.34	-3.08	7.08	12	0.12	12.70	11.15	888	1,277
2015	8.78	7.98	5.67	13	0.22	11.81	10.70	912	1,382
2014	10.37	9.55	13.05	13	0.14	11.70	9.59	737	1,736
2013	35.92	34.93	33.48	13	0.32	14.61	12.18	736	2,233
2012	16.42	15.56	15.26	18	0.50	18.43	15.66	1,067	3,002
2011	1.67	0.91	2.64	20	0.53	19.42	17.76	899	3,686
2010	21.25	20.36	16.71	22	2.5	22.84	22.11	1,038	4,093

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- The Large Cap Growth Strategy composite includes fully discretionary separately managed investment accounts and registered and unregistered mutual funds managed in accordance with the large cap growth style, with the objective of investing in in stocks with a competitive advantage, strong profitability metrics, above average free cash flow, above average operating margins and positive price trends. Under normal circumstances, Large Cap Growth Portfolios will have at least 80% of their assets invested in common stocks and other U.S. traded equity securities of large cap companies. U.S. traded equity securities may include American Depository Receipts ("ADR's"). Silvant considers large cap companies to be companies with market capitalizations similar to those of companies in the Russell 1000 Growth Index. Silvant will seek out securities it believes have strong business fundamentals, such as revenue growth, improving cash flows, increasing margins and positive earnings trends. Prior to September 1, 2015, the gross of fee return for the mutual fund was calculated by adding back the fund's published total operating expense ratio to the net of fee mutual fund performance; we now use the gross of fee return of the underlying portfolio. A complete description of the composite is available on request.
- The Large Cap Growth Strategy composite includes the performance of the equity portion of balanced accounts. Cash returns have been allocated using a predetermined cash allocation mix approach. Such "carve-outs" represent the following percentages of the total market value of the composite: 5.8% on December 31, 2008, and less than 1% on December 31, 2009. Beginning January 1, 2010, all equity segments are managed with their own cash balance.
- The benchmark for the Large Cap Growth Strategy composite is the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. Index returns do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses.
- The three-year annualized standard deviations for the composite and the benchmark index are calculated using monthly returns. The statistic was not calculated for the composite for December 31, 2008, and December 31, 2009, because 36 monthly returns are not available.
- Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.
- Beginning March 31, 2008, composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client initiated significant cash inflow or outflow of 10% or greater of portfolio assets.
- The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the equal-weighted standard deviation of portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year. Partial year dispersion is measured by the equal-weighted standard deviation of portfolio returns represented in the composite for the partial year period specified.
- The significant increase in the dispersion statistic for calendar year 2010 was attributable to significant outperformance in one of our comingled funds due to the receipt of proceeds from a class action lawsuit. Excluding this portfolio would reduce dispersion from 2.4 to 0.6 and would have no significant impact on composite performance.
- Returns are calculated based on total return which (a) includes cash returns, realized and unrealized gains plus income; (b) utilizes trade date and accrual accounting; and (c) is after the deduction of actual trading fees and expenses. Portfolio returns are calculated utilizing daily valuation. Composite returns, calculated monthly, are the weighted average return of the underlying portfolios using beginning-of-period market values. Composite gross of fee returns do not reflect any deduction for investment advisory fees, custodial charges or other costs that a client might incur in connection with the management of an account. Composite net of fee performance is calculated assuming a fee of 0.75%, the highest fee for this type of investment account.
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- This composite was created March 31, 2008, the inception date of Silvant, and continues the investment strategy of a composite originally created in 2007. The composite has performance history with an inception date of April 1, 2007.
- The minimum portfolio size for the Large Cap Growth Strategy composite is \$1,000,000. For further information on investment management fees, please refer to Form ADV Part 2.
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