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FORT WASHINGTON LARGE CAP FOCUSED EQUITY — 4Q2024

HIGHLIGHTS

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- While underperforming the index, the Large Cap Focused Equity strategy returned 2.0% (net) during the guarter.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

U.S. equities capped the year off higher in the fourth quarter, with the market observing the election outcome and its implications alongside Federal Reserve (Fed) decisions to cut rates 25 basis points in both November and December. The best performing benchmark sectors were Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, and Financials. The worst performing sectors for the index were Materials, Health Care, and Real Estate. The Large Cap Focused Equity strategy underperformed the S&P 500 Index during the quarter.

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Applied Materials was added to the portfolio, and International Business Machines was removed from the portfolio during the quarter.

As the guarter came to a close, the strategy had an overweight in the Communication Services, Health Care, and Materials sectors, and an underweight in the Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples, Industrials, Energy, Real Estate, and Information Technology sectors. The weight in the Financials sector was roughly in line with that of the index. The strategy held no positions in the Utilities sector. Cash holdings ended the guarter at 0.3%.

The sectors where strategy holdings outperformed the most relative to the benchmark were Financials, Industrials, and Consumer Staples. Sectors that lagged the most relative to the benchmark included Energy, Consumer Discretionary, and Materials. Stock selection detracted

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Vice President, Portfolio Manager Alternative Assets 15 Years Experience 55 basis points from performance for the period. Sector allocation contributed 22 basis points during the quarter primarily due to the overweight in Communication Services and the zero weight in Utilities.

The three holdings that contributed the most to performance were Salesforce (Information technology), Amazon (Consumer Discretionary), and Alphabet (Communication Services).

Salesforce's stock did well in the quarter as early demand for the firm's AI agents seems strong. Salesforce's AI agents help augment human capabilities in sales, service and marketing functions, and should result in increased productivity for the firm's customers. We expect sales of AI agents will be a new growth driver for the company over the next several years.

Amazon delivered strong 4Q performance, driven primarily by its record-high operating margins in the third quarter. Profitability at both Amazon Web Services (AWS) and the international businesses also reached all-time highs. NA Retail realized its second highest margins in five years. Shopping events like the Prime Big Deal Days, an

Top Ten Holdings							
Name	Sector	% of Portfolio					
Microsoft	Information Technology	9.2%					
Apple	Information Technology	8.4%					
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	6.6%					
Alphabet	Communication Services	6.4%					
Amazon.com	Consumer Discretionary	6.0%					
Nvidia	Information Technology	3.7%					
Berkshire Hathaway	Financials	2.8%					
Visa	Financials	2.7%					
Salesforce	Information Technology	2.7%					
UnitedHealth Group	Health Care	2.6%					
Total		51.1%					

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extensive product selection, and faster shipping speeds were the drivers of NA Retail's strong performance. Operating Income guidance was much better than expected, driven by Amazon's scale, logistics efficiencies, growing advertising revenue, and AI deployments.

Alphabet delivered strong results driven by robust growth in sales of cloud computing services coupled with discipline in operating expenses. On the Search front, management continues to see AI as additive to overall usage and monetization. We continue to expect that Alphabet will successfully leverage advancements in AI technology to retain its market position in Search and Cloud.

The holdings that detracted the most from performance included HCA Healthcare (Health Care), UnitedHealth Group (Health Care), and Stanley Black & Decker (Industrials).

HCA's Q3 earnings disappointed against high expectations (following a very strong Q2), with hurricane impacts in North Carolina and Florida pushing 2024 guidance into the lower end of the prior guidance range. Additionally, the Republican sweep in the November election raises potential reimbursement risks, mainly in Medicaid and the ACA health insurance exchanges. We believe, given the importance of hospital services and their low average margins, that any legislative or regulatory changes impacting hospitals are unlikely to be draconian for HCA.

UnitedHealth Group (UNH) endured a tumultuous quarter, headlined by the assassination of the CEO of UnitedHealthcare, the company's health insurance unit, in early December. Additionally, it became evident that there is appetite in Washington, D.C. for Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) regulatory reform. More generally, the Republican sweep in November raised legislative/ regulatory uncertainty across multiple areas of healthcare. We see UNH as well diversified, such that any changes are likely to be manageable for the company. Also, we see Medicare Advantage pricing hardening over the next few years after a challenging 2023-24, and Medicaid margins improving as states' payment rates catch up to acuity changes following Medicaid redeterminations.

Stanley Black & Decker's performance lagged behind its industrial sector peers this quarter, attributed to the company's conservative guidance for the first half of the upcoming year, suggesting earnings that fell short of market expectations. Furthermore, proposed tariffs by the incoming White House Administration on imports from China and Mexico could adversely affect Stanley's earnings unless mitigatory actions are taken by the company. Additionally, recent signals from the Fed , indicating a less aggressive stance on interest rate cuts, has negatively influenced market sentiment regarding the construction markets, which constitute approximately two-thirds of Stanley's revenue.

Investments made in international companies, which comprised 2.6% of assets at the end of the period, underperformed the benchmark.

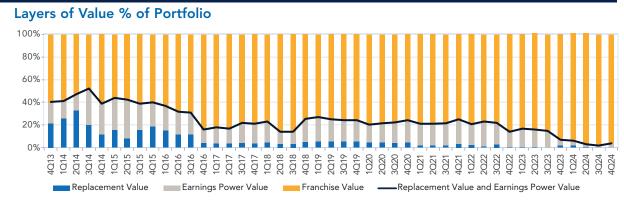


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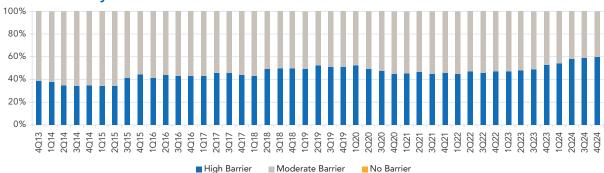
Portfolio Characteristics			
Replacement Value, Earnings Power Value, Franchise Value ¹	0%	3%	96%
Weighted average excess return on capital ² ~1,454 bps above the cost of			
Barriers to entry (none, moderate, high) ¹	0%	40%	60%
Price to intrinsic value (weighted average)		\$0.88	
Small, mid, large cap % ¹	0%	0%	100%
International %		2.6%	
Number of holdings		46	
Cash position		0.3%	

¹Excludes cash. ²Returns on capital vs. cost of capital (ex financials). Source: Fort Washington. This supplemental information complements the Large Cap Focused Equity GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change at any time without notice. See Large Cap Focused Equity GIPS Report for complete disclosure.

Composite Portfolio Characteristics Over Time



Barriers to Entry % of Portfolio



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OUTLOOK

The U.S. equity market capped off a strong 2024 with a modest gain in the fourth quarter. The bull market continued as investors anticipated further rate cuts and as economic data suggested the U.S. economy remains on solid footing. The S&P 500 Index logged 57 all-time highs during 2024, driven by a combination of improvement in inflation readings, expectation of further rate cuts, and optimism around how artificial intelligence will impact productivity. With the exception of sectors exposed to certain commodity prices, equity market performance was fairly broad-based. Seven sectors posted double digit positive performance during the year. The S&P 500 Index ended the year with a 2.4% return for the fourth quarter and a 25.0% return for the year.

The market performance detailed above reflects investor optimism that the Fed will be able to control inflation without inducing a recession. September marked the first time the Fed has lowered the Fed Funds rate in four years amidst progress with their dual mandate. While investors have responded favorably to the policy shift, it is important to remember that monetary policy operates with a significant lag and the prior four years were characterized by one of the most aggressive tightening cycles in decades. History includes many periods where talk of a soft landing occurs just before recession strikes. Therefore, we keep an open mind and watch employment, housing, manufacturing, and market breadth data, among others, to continually re-underwrite our view. Consistent with our approach over the past few years, we have maintained a high-quality portfolio with a focus on higher return on capital businesses with pricing power. One hundred percent of the portfolio excluding cash remains invested in companies that have moderate to high barriers to entry in our view. We believe disciplined execution of our process will benefit the portfolio and investors over the long term.

LARGE CAP FOCUSED EQUITY COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	4Q2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
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Large Cap Focused Equity (Gross)	2.08%	21.55%	26.31%	-16.69%	28.36%	24.44%	28.73%	-6.57%	16.76%	13.71%	4.21%
Large Cap Focused Equity (Net)	2.02%	21.24%	25.97%	-16.92%	27.98%	24.08%	28.35%	-6.89%	16.23%	13.08%	3.63%
S&P 500 Index	2.41%	25.02%	26.29%	-18.11%	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%	-4.38%	21.83%	11.96%	1.38%
Large Cap Focused Equity 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation ¹	-	16.00%	16.59%	20.97%	18.54%	19.90%	12.99%	10.99%	10.32%	11.04%	-
S&P 500 Index 3-Year Standard Deviation ¹	-	17.15%	17.29%	20.87%	17.17%	18.53%	11.93%	10.80%	9.92%	10.59%	-
Dispersion ²	0.08%	0.35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of Accounts	6	6	6	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	\$4,346.2	\$4,346.2	\$3,985.0	\$2,771.7	\$3,646.5	\$301.0	\$280.3	\$458.1	\$323.1	\$68.6	\$62.7
Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	\$81,286	\$81,286	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656	\$42,959

Composite inception and creation date: 10/01/2013. The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. ²Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The benchmark for this composite is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500). The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 large-cap publicly traded companies in the U.S. stock market, representing a broad indicator of the overall market's performance. The Fort Washington Large Cap Focused Equity strategy is a large-cap concentrated, value oriented strategy that invests in businesses with a market capitalization greater than \$5 billion. The strategy invests in businesses with strong barriers to entry that have the capability of generating excess returns on capital. The strategy looks to take advantage of irrational human behavior by buying large Cap Focused Equity strategy is to outperform the \$26 250 Onldex over a full market cycle. All fee-paying, fully discretionary portfolios managed in the large Cap Focused Equity style, with a minimum of \$1 million under our management, are included in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, interest and dividends. Cash is maintained, willion, and 0.40% on additional amounts over \$50 million. Portfolios in the Composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment deal income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management for management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management to the comadard meas a calculated usiding the actual manageme

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