



Fiera Mid Cap Growth

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Composite Performance (gross*) Fiera Capital 4.78% vs. Russell Mid Cap Growth Index 8.14%

	Repre	esentative Por	tfolio (%)	Russell I	Mid Cap Grow	vth Index		Variation (%)		Attr	ibution Analysis	(%)
	Port. Average Weight	Port. Total Return	Port. Contrib. To Return	Bench. Average Weight	Bench. Total Return	Bench. Contrib. To Return	Average Weight Difference	Total Return Difference	Contrib. To Return Difference	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction	Total Effect
Communication Services	1.78	-6.28	-0.12	4.45	11.01	0.46	-2.67	-17.29	-0.58	-0.06	-0.34	-0.40
Consumer Discretionary	11.78	11.01	1.17	14.82	3.76	0.54	-3.04	7.25	0.62	0.17	0.85	1.02
Consumer Staples				2.30	-0.15	-0.01	-2.30	0.15	0.01	0.20		0.20
Energy	2.53	19.77	0.47	4.15	13.40	0.63	-1.63	6.37	-0.16	-0.09	0.15	0.06
Financials	15.54	5.24	0.90	12.99	10.28	1.35	2.55	-5.04	-0.45	0.08	-0.85	-0.77
Health Care	16.24	-5.45	-0.94	12.81	-1.60	-0.22	3.43	-3.85	-0.72	-0.35	-0.74	-1.09
Industrials	15.56	0.65	0.17	18.08	2.73	0.73	-2.52	-2.07	-0.56	0.09	-0.38	-0.29
Information Technology	33.35	10.78	3.26	25.95	20.24	4.59	7.40	-9.45	-1.33	0.87	-2.95	-2.08
Materials	0.65	-9.53	-0.19	1.26	-11.21	-0.13	-0.61	1.68	-0.06	0.23	-0.20	0.03
Real Estate	1.62	-5.10	-0.07	1.35	-5.44	-0.06	0.27	0.33	-0.01	-0.03	0.00	-0.03
Utilities				1.83	13.79	0.26	-1.83	-13.79	-0.26	-0.10		-0.10
[Cash]	0.94	1.11	0.01				0.94	1.11	0.01	-0.03		-0.03
Total	100.00	4.66	4.66	100.00	8.14	8.14		-3.48	-3.48	0.99	-4.46	-3.48

Leading Contributors	Weight %	Return %	Contribution	Leading Dectractors	Weight %	Return %	Contributio
Siemens Energy AG Unsponsored ADR	2.97	41.35	0.96	Uber Technologies, Inc.	3.16	-19.74	-0.60
GoDaddy, Inc. Class A	3.36	25.89	0.78	Nu Holdings Ltd. Class A	1.86	-24.10	-0.42
Tapestry, Inc.	2.11	39.84	0.69	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc	1.25	-20.63	-0.40
HubSpot, Inc.	2.65	31.07	0.68	Avidity Biosciences Inc	0.92	-36.69	-0.34
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	2.53	19.77	0.47	Viking Therapeutics, Inc.	0.84	-36.44	-0.31
Expedia Group, Inc.	2.07	25.88	0.47	Builders FirstSource, Inc.	1.08	-16.61	-0.26
Datadog Inc Class A	2.18	24.19	0.44	Entegris, Inc.	1.62	-11.89	-0.22
Raymond James Financial, Inc.	1.86	27.31	0.44	iRhythm Technologies, Inc.	0.09	-20.97	-0.21
argenx SE ADR	3.27	13.45	0.40	Tractor Supply Company	2.30	-8.46	-0.20
Ares Management Corporation	2.78	14.19	0.36	Otis Worldwide Corporation	1.77	-10.55	-0.19
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	2.53	13.66	0.34	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	0.65	-9.53	-0.19
Snowflake, Inc. Class A	0.94	19.45	0.28	IDEAYA Biosciences, Inc.	0.87	-18.88	-0.18
Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	2.48	10.86	0.27	MongoDB, Inc. Class A	1.40	-13.89	-0.17
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.	1.55	18.47	0.26	Amicus Therapeutics, Inc.	1.24	-11.80	-0.15
Procore Technologies Inc	1.37	21.40	0.25	New York Times Company Class A	1.78	-6.28	-0.12

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Composite Performance (gross*) Fiera Capital 10.61% vs. Russell Mid Cap Growth Index 22.10%

	Repre	sentative Por	tfolio (%)	Russell	Mid Cap Grow	vth Index		Variation (%)		Att	ribution Analysis	; (%)
	Port. Average Weight	Port. Total Return	Port. Contrib. To Return	Bench. Average Weight	Bench. Total Return	Bench. Contrib. To Return	Average Weight Difference	Total Return Difference	Contrib. To Return Difference	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction	Total Effect
Communication Services	1.91	-0.47	-0.15	4.39	38.89	1.60	-2.48	-39.36	-1.75	-0.39	-1.00	-1.39
Consumer Discretionary	11.87	23.58	2.69	14.35	21.09	3.09	-2.47	2.49	-0.40	0.12	0.22	0.35
Consumer Staples				2.62	-8.75	-0.27	-2.62	8.75	0.27	0.88		0.88
Energy	2.40	27.42	0.58	3.96	29.14	1.15	-1.56	-1.72	-0.57	-0.21	0.06	-0.15
Financials	13.41	33.29	4.17	11.92	31.30	3.63	1.49	1.99	0.55	0.03	0.14	0.17
Health Care	20.72	-20.63	-4.20	15.75	-2.03	-0.32	4.97	-18.59	-3.88	-0.91	-4.34	-5.25
Industrials	12.39	28.08	3.22	18.94	21.51	4.24	-6.55	6.57	-1.02	-0.17	0.52	0.34
Information Technology	32.39	16.00	4.68	24.24	34.20	7.76	8.15	-18.20	-3.08	0.90	-5.63	-4.74
Materials	1.52	7.12	0.09	1.31	-3.27	-0.01	0.20	10.39	0.10	0.22	-0.03	0.19
Real Estate	1.83	-18.08	-0.40	1.52	20.52	0.32	0.31	-38.60	-0.72	0.03	-0.84	-0.81
Utilities				1.03	111.11	0.92	-1.03	-111.11	-0.92	-0.65		-0.65
[Cash]	1.58	5.10	0.08				1.58	5.10	0.08	-0.26		-0.26
Total	100.00	10.77	10.77	100.00	22.10	22.10		-11.33	-11.33	-0.43	-10.90	-11.33

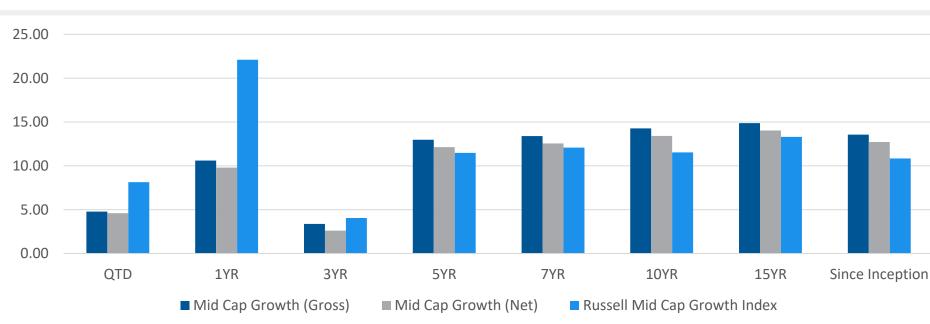
Leading Contributors	Weight %	Return %	Contribution
GoDaddy, Inc. Class A	3.06	85.92	2.01
Arista Networks, Inc.	2.35	87.73	1.67
Siemens Energy AG Unsponsored ADR	0.92	84.47	1.60
argenx SE ADR	2.75	61.66	1.48
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	3.21	49.12	1.39
Tapestry, Inc.	1.85	82.83	1.18
Ares Management Corporation	2.51	52.69	1.09
BWX Technologies, Inc.	2.44	46.53	0.96
Shockwave Medical Inc	0.69	75.67	0.92
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	2.20	42.79	0.86
Bank of New York Mellon Corp	1.70	49.92	0.76
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.	2.25	36.11	0.73
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	1.80	37.91	0.63
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	2.32	27.17	0.63
Raymond James Financial, Inc.	1.66	40.82	0.61

Leading Detractors	Weight %	Return %	Contribution
DexCom, Inc.	1.70	-41.29	-1.37
MongoDB, Inc. Class A	1.67	-43.06	-0.97
Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	1.02	-55.06	-0.94
Immunocore Holdings Plc Shs Sponsored American Depositary Shares Repr 1 Sh	0.96	-56.82	-0.84
iRhythm Technologies, Inc.	0.98	-45.19	-0.67
Amicus Therapeutics, Inc.	1.40	-33.62	-0.61
EyePoint Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	0.22	-64.01	-0.57
IDEAYA Biosciences, Inc.	1.15	-37.36	-0.54
Informatica, Inc. Class A	0.71	-23.72	-0.41
CoStar Group, Inc.	1.83	-18.08	-0.40
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc	0.32	-20.63	-0.40
Lattice Semiconductor Corporation	1.40	-17.89	-0.39
Entegris, Inc.	1.98	-17.05	-0.37
Nu Holdings Ltd. Class A	0.92	-22.74	-0.34
Avidity Biosciences Inc	0.25	-36.71	-0.34

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Mid Cap Growth Composite Performance





Annualized Performance

	4Q24	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR	SINCE 5/1/08
Mid Cap Growth (Gross)	4.78	10.61	3.37	12.97	13.39	14.27	14.88	13.56
Mid Cap Growth (Net)	4.59	9.79	2.60	12.13	12.55	13.42	14.03	12.72
Russell Mid Cap Growth Index	8.14	22.10	4.04	11.47	12.08	11.54	13.31	10.84

Source: Fiera Capital

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Mid Cap Growth Composite Performance



Calendar Performance



	Gross	Net	Russell Mid Cap Growth Index
2015	6.11	5.06	-0.2
2016	9.17	8.09	7.3
2017	35.98	34.66	25.26
2018	3.52	2.72	-4.76
2019	26.49	25.56	35.46
2020	38.57	37.56	35.59
2021	20.23	19.34	12.72
2022	-20.61	-21.22	-26.71
2023	25.77	24.85	25.86
2024	10.61	9.79	22.10

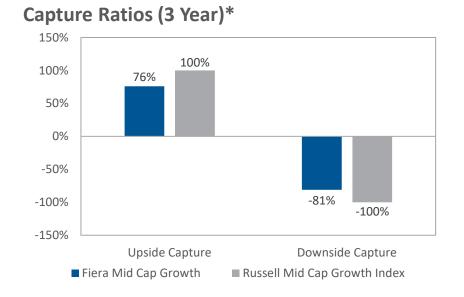
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Fiera Mid Cap Growth Performance & Statistics1





Performance Statistics	3 Year	5 Year
Alpha	-0.09	2.01
Sharpe Ratio	-0.02	0.43
Sortino Ratio	-0.03	0.73
Information Ratio	0.10	0.19
R-Squared	0.89	0.90
Correlation Coefficient	0.94	0.95

Supplemental – Rep Portfolio Characteristics

GROWTH STATISTICS	FIERA CAPITAL	Russell Mid Cap Growth Index
Long Term future EPS growth (%)	15.0	15.0
5 year historic EPS growth (%)	23.8	20.5
PEG (PE/Growth)	3.0	3.0
ROE (%)	33.9	30.5
VALUATION MEASURES		
P/E	29.1	35.6
Price/Book	7.0	9.7
Price/Sales	4.5	2.6
Price/Cash Flow	23.3	23.6
Yield (%)	0.5	0.6
MARKET CAP		
Weighted average market cap	\$39.2B	\$38.8B

*Based on gross performance.

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Fiera Mid Cap Growth Representative Portfolio Holdings*



	% Port	Russell Mid Cap Growth Index		% Port	Russell Mid Cap Growth Index		% Port	Russell Mid Car Growth Index
Communication Services		macx	Healthcare		macx	Information Technology		
New York Times Co-A	1.7		argenx SE - ADR	3.5		Motorola Solutions Inc	3.6	
	1.7	4.5	Neurocrine Biosciences Inc	1.7		GoDaddy Inc - Class A	3.3	
Consumer Discretioners	1.7	4.J	Insmed Inc	1.6		HubSpot Inc	2.9	
Consumer Discretionary			Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc Amicus Therapeutics Inc	1.5 1.1		Cadence Design Sys Inc	2.6	
Tapestry Inc	2.6		Sarepta Therapeutics Inc	1.1		Datadog Inc - Class A	2.3	
Hilton Worldwide Holdings In	2.5		SpringWorks Therapeutics Inc	1.1		GitLab Inc-CL A	2.3	
Expedia Group Inc	2.3		Crinetics Pharmaceuticals In	1.0		Palo Alto Networks Inc	2.1	
Tractor Supply Company	2.2		Ideaya Biosciences Inc	0.8		Tyler Technologies Inc	1.9	
Domino's Pizza Inc	1.3		Procept Biorobotics Corp	0.7		Snowflake Inc-Class A	1.8	
Ulta Beauty Inc	1.2		Avidity Biosciences Inc	0.6		Arista Networks Inc	1.6	
Etsy Inc	0.5		Immunocore Holdings PLC-ADR Viking Therapeutics Inc	0.6 0.6		Manhattan Associates Inc	1.6	
	12.6	14.8	Viking merapeutics inc	15.9	12.5	PayPal Holdings Inc	1.6	
	12.0	14.0	Industrials	15.5	12.5	Entegris Inc	1.5	
Computer Stanlag		2.3	Siemens Energy AG-UNSP ADR	3.4		Procore Technologies Inc	1.5	
Consumer Staples	0.0	2.3	Uber Technologies Inc	2.7		Workday Inc-Class A	1.4	
			BWX Technologies Inc	2.6		Lattice Semiconductor Corp	1.2	
Energy			Verisk Analytics Inc	2.3		MongoDB Inc	1.2	
Cheniere Energy Inc	2.7		Otis Worldwide Corp	1.6		Bill Holdings Inc	1.0	
	2.7	4.0	CoStar Group Inc	1.5		Braze Inc-A	0.9	
Financials			Rolls-Royce Holdings-SP ADR Builders FirstSource Inc	1.5 1.4			36.3	27.5
Ares Management Corp- A	2.9		builders i instabuliet inte	17.0	17.3			
Ameriprise Financial Inc	2.6			1/10		Materials	0.0	1.1
Bank Of New York Mellon Corp	2.0							
Raymond James Financial Inc	1.9					Real Estate	0.0	1.3
Fifth Third Bancorp	1.6							
NU Holdings Ltd/Cayman ISL-A	1.5					Utilities	0.0	1.8
	12.5	12.8						
		12.0				Cash	1.2	0.0

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Identifying Today's Changes, Seeking Tomorrow's Growth

	Stable Growth*	Emerging Growth*
TECHNOLOGY AND CONSUMER		
Ubiquitous Computing: Cloud, Mobile and Edge	Arista Networks, GoDaddy, Lattice Semiconductor, Motorola, Workday	Datadog, MongoDB, Snowflake
Artificial Intelligence and Evolution of Computing	Arista Networks, Procore, Tyler Technologies, Verisk Analytics	Braze, GitLab, MongoDB, Snowflake
Cyber Security	Palo Alto	GitLab
Digital Transformation and Digital Infrastructure	Cadence Design Systems, Entegris, Lattice Semiconductor, New York Times, Tyler Technologies	Braze, Bill Holdings, Datadog, Hubspot
Platform-based Business Models	Costar Group, Etsy	Hubspot
Direct-to-Consumer & eCommerce	Dominos Pizza, Etsy, Expedia, GoDaddy, Manhattan Associates, Tapestry	

HEALTHCARE AND BIOTECH		
Healthcare Cost Containment		
Therapeutic Breakthroughs	Neurocrine Biosciences	Amicus Therapeutics, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, argenx, Avidity Biosciences, Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Ideaya Biosciences, Immunocore, Insmed, Sarepta Therapeutics, Springworks Therapeutics, Viking Therapeutics
Advances in Life Science and Medical Technology		Procept Biorobotics

OTHER KEY THEMES							
Demographic and Lifestyle Changes	Ares Management, Raymond James Financial, Tractor Supply Company	Uber Technologies					
Fintech (incl. Payments and Processing)	PayPal	Nu Bank					
Emerging Market Consumer							
The New Industrial Age (including Automation, Reshoring, Environmental Initiatives, etc.)	Builders Firstsource, BWX Technologies, Cheniere Energy, Hilton, Otis Worldwide, Rolls Royce, Siemens Energy						
Catalyst Driven	Ameriprise, Bank of New York, Fifth Third, Raymond James Financial, Ulta Beauty, Verisk Analytics						

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SYMBOL	COMPANY	AFTER TRANSACTION	RATIONALE
ALNY	Alnylam	2.00%	Alnylam is a commercial stage biopharmaceutical company and pioneer in RNA interference therapeutics. ALNY is the leader and pioneer of RNAi, a technology that works by "silencing" the genes that cause or contribute to disease pathology. By working at the genetic level, RNAi can affect virtually any gene, creating a long path of opportunities to develop innovative, effective therapeutics. The company's platform has been validated with five marketed drugs to date. A deep pipeline including ongoing clinical studies in hypertension, hemophilia, cancer, and others creates a steady stream of catalysts over the next several years. Key risks include those common across the biopharmaceutical space, including clinical, regulatory, commercial, financing, and broader macro risks. Additional risks to ALNY's pipeline include its extrahepatic programs, which remain early and carry novel modality risk.
BLDR	Builder's First Source (BLDR) is the largest supplier (550 value-added services to the professional market segme It's mix is 74% single family homes, 7% multi-family, an • BLDR is well positioned for an uptick in housing given family homes; while this creates more cyclicality, at this • Recent demand/commodity/revenue pressure could inflection to be in the coming quarters • The company is well positioned to grow from higher r expansion • As demand/revenues pick up, margins are set to expa efforts are protecting margins • Given strong BS/cash flow, the company is well positi buybacks • Attractive double-digit margins and ROIC with expans • Valuation is a bit ahead of historical levels given the p		 The company is well positioned to grow from higher margin value added products and services as well as geographic expansion As demand/revenues pick up, margins are set to expand, and in the near term, higher level of variable costs and cost efforts are protecting margins Given strong BS/cash flow, the company is well positioned to continue to consolidate the industry and pursue

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SYMBOL	COMPANY	POSITION SIZE AFTER TRANSACTION	RATIONALE
PYPL	PayPal	1.50%	PayPal is a technology payments platform that enables digital payments and commerce between consumers and merchants. -A unique fintech platform with a strong global brand and global scale with ~400M users -Attractive growth expectations of HSD/LDD revenue and DD EBITDA and EPS growth -Healthy double-digit margins and returns with room for expansion over time -A new innovative CEO that is focused on simplification and profitable growth -Strong balance sheet with a net cash position and cash for growth and buybacks -Valuation is attractive and below historical levels at 16x PE vs. 28x average; MSCI ESG A rating -Risks include new management/strategy, intense competition, and weaker macro/low-mid-end consumer exposure
SNOW	Snowflake	1.50%	Snowflake (SNOW) is a dominant modern data warehouse provider. SNOW operates in a \$300B+ addressable market for data warehouses, data lakes and data houses and data mesh/fabrics. SNOW has a strong presence among Global 2000 companies and an ecosystem of over 100 partners. SNOW has attractive economics. Revenue is driven by consumption of data services. Customer revenue retention rates are over 125%. 542 customers spend over \$1M with SNOW. Gross margin is over 75%, implying high leverage on annual growth rates over 25%. Operating margin is expanding by 100-200 basis points per year. Key risks are competition and macroeconomic environment. SNOW faces competition from legacy vendors and new entrants. Macroeconomic volatility can affect consumption of SNOW's data services.
BILL	Bill.com	1.00%	BILL is a dominant SMB software provider in the spend management space, digitally automating accounts payable and accounts receivable functions. 476K businesses use BILL's solutions, and there are 7.1M network members. BILL has attractive economics. The global TAM is \$344B of software spending. Growth is high teens, driven by TAM penetration and need for automation of inefficient processes. Gross margin is 86%, driving high leverage in the model. Net retention is 92%, very high for an SMB-targeted vendor. Key risks are competition and macroeconomic environment. The SMB space typically has high inherent attrition as these companies are less established and more economically vulnerable.

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SYMBOL	COMPANY	POSITION SIZE AFTER TRANSACTION	RATIONALE				
RNR	RenaissanceRe	0.00%	Better opportunities elsewhere				
INFA	Informatica	0.00%	Sell discipline				
IRTC	iRhythmn Technologies	0.00%	Sell discipline				
APLS	Apellis Pharmaceuticals	0.00%	Sell discipline				

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MARKET ENVIRONMENT

Equity returns were positive in the fourth quarter with a continuation of a divergence in returns between smaller cap and mega cap companies¹. In the **fourth quarter**, the outperformance of the larger capitalization companies remained in place primarily due to the impact of the mega cap technology companies. The technology dominated Nasdaq Composite returned 6.4%% while the Russell 2000 Growth Index returned 1.7%. A more diversified index like the S&P 500 returned 2.4% while the equal-weighted S&P 500 Index returned -1.9%². Essentially, the narrow breadth in the market has endured with some hints of broadening showing up sporadically.

For the **full year 2024**, the larger indices outperformed the smaller indices by a wide margin. For instance, the Russell 1000 Growth (+33.4%), the Nasdaq Composite (+29.6%) and the S&P 500 (+25.0%) performed exceptionally well. Smaller indices like the Russell Midcap Growth (+22.1%), Russell 2500 Growth (+13.9%) and Russell 2000 Growth (+15.2%) trailed the larger cohorts.

The strong equity performance does not capture the underlying quarter-to-quarter volatility in the various indices. In the **first quarter**, the indices were relatively correlated, and the period was punctuated by falling interest rate volatility and tighter credit spreads. In the second quarter, the dominant theme was the strength of the Magnificent 7 (e.g. the Nasdaq Composite returned 14.3%) as risk aversion fell and credit spreads continued to tighten. During the period of July-August, there was one of the strongest reversals of large caps to small caps in over 20 years as the market took a benign CPI number and falling inflation as a definitive sign that a series of rate cuts were coming in 2025. The Russell 2000 Index was up 8.5% and the Nasdaq Composite was off -0.8% during this 2-month period.

While index concentration issues have been well documented within the large cap space, the smaller cap indices were also unusually impacted by a high level of concentration in a handful of companies for much of the year. For instance, companies like Super Micro Computer and Micro Strategy had an outsized impact on the Russell 2000 Growth and Russell 2500 Growth indices during the first half of the year. The annual Russell reconstitution at the end of June changed the composition of these indices by a fair amount, including the removal of Super Micro and Micro Strategy which had reached market capitalizations of \$48n and \$24bn respectively. Overall, the weighted average market capitalization of the Russell 2500 Growth Index fell almost 30% and the highest market cap dropped by more than 50% to \$22B. The net effect was a dramatic change in the composition of the Russell indices at the smaller end of the equity spectrum.

PERFORMANCE

The Mid Cap Growth strategy performed lagged that of the Russell Mid Cap Growth Index, on a net of fees basis, during the fourth quarter of the year. For the strategy, a positive sector allocation effect was essentially offset by a negative stock selection effect during the period. Looking at sectors, Consumer Discretionary had the largest positive impact, attributable largely to the strong stock selection in the sector. An overweight to Information Technology and an underweight to Materials also made meaningful contributions. Detracting from results was stock selection in Information Technology, Financials and Industrials.

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Review & Outlook (Contd.)



For calendar year 2024, the Mid Cap Growth strategy underperformed its benchmark, on a net of fees basis. Overall, the year proved challenging predominantly from a security selection perspective as Index concentration issues, shifting regimes, and investor sentiment weighed on return comparisons. Looking at results through a traditional attribution lens, the majority of underperformance was driven by stock selection. Weakness within select pockets of the portfolio's Information Technology and Health Care exposures weighed on results and could not be offset by solid selection in some other areas.

OUTLOOK

Even though there is a higher concentration of recent returns attributable to the Magnificent 7 stocks (Apple, Nvidia, Amazon, Meta, Google, Netflix and Tesla) there are initial signs of broader strength in other segments of the market.

We believe Interest rates are the most important issue for investors in 2025. With a 25% return for the S&P 500 Index last year, the ante has been raised for this year. In addition to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure spending boom, a new business friendly administration and a steeper yield curve the landscape has flavors of the 1990s technology boom. Last year market multiples expanded, and higher rates had little impact on overall returns. Important drivers of equity gains were earnings surprises, analysts' estimate revisions and AI exposure. Essentially, momentum was the single biggest factor driving returns. And, if history serves as a guide, momentum works until it breaks and there are initial signs of that. There is potential for the Mag 7 stocks to take a breather, especially if real interest rates show a sustained increase. In our view, this is likely a year where it is prudent to have a diversified portfolio with a quality bias and reasonable valuations.

To that end, we are maintaining broad diversification in our portfolios. We do not believe the setting is conducive to taking any strong stance and we continue to emphasize quality and quality growth characteristics within the individual companies in the Mid Cap Growth Strategy.

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Mid Cap Growth Composite



As of December 31, 2023

Year	ASSETS (ASSETS (USD-MILL)		ANNUAL PERFORMANCE				ANN. 3-YR STD. DEV.		Percent of
			NO. OF PORTFOLIOS	COMPOSITE						
	FIRM	COMPOSITE		GROSS	NET	DISPERSION (GROSS)	GROWTH INDEX		RUSSELL MID CAP GROWTH INDEX	Non Fee Paying Accounts
2012	1,999	2.7	7	17.25%	16.10%	0.06%	15.81%	21.24%	17.91%	8.80%
2013	3,939	3.2	7	26.91%	25.67%	0.29%	35.74%	17.84%	14.62%	13.10%
2014	5,604	3.2	7	9.31%	8.23%	0.29%	11.90%	13.80%	10.87%	14.06%
2015	7,126	3.6	7	6.11%	5.06%	0.22%	-0.20%	12.79%	11.18%	13.52%
2016	13,290	3.9	7	9.17%	8.09%	0.16%	7.33%	16.30%	12.12%	13.58%
2017	20,649	8.1	13	35.98%	35.21%	0.68%	25.27%	15.40%	10.88%	33.78%
2018	19,336	14.4	26	3.52%	2.72%	0.16%	-4.75%	16.82%	12.82%	8.25%
2019	24,294	39.7	41	26.49%	25.56%	0.23%	35.47%	15.64%	13.87%	3.66%
2020	28,606	41.0	33	38.57%	37.56%	0.20%	35.59%	23.34%	21.45%	3.80%
2021	27,284	52.5	43	20.23%	19.34%	0.14%	12.73%	21.41%	20.19%	18.75%
2022	21,649	44.8	53	-20.61%	-21.22%	0.12%	-26.72%	24.06%	24.52%	9.70%
2023	21,426	53.3	53	25.78%	24.86%	0.13%	25.87%	18.59%	21.06%	12.21%

n/a= less than three full years since inception of composite

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