

LARGE CAP EQUITY FUND

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Investment Style: Large-Cap Equity

The Large Cap Equity Fund's Institutional Class returned +7.79% for the first quarter compared to +10.30% for the Russell 1000 Index. For the one-year period ended March 31, 2024, the Fund's Institutional Class returned +31.94% compared to +29.87% for the index.

The stock market rally powered ahead in the first quarter, adding an exclamation point to the Fund's very strong one-year results. Fund returns have now topped 50% from the October 2022 lows. It is neither unusual nor concerning for relative results to soften deeper into such a strong run. At the margin, we have gradually been rotating exposure from "what has worked" to "what could work next." The story of those portfolio shifts will be written over the next several years, not the first few months.

Meta Platforms, Inc. (META), Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. (BRK/B), Vulcan Materials Company (VMC), Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN), and Mastercard, Inc. (MA) were the Fund's leading quarterly contributors. Most of the Fund's companies reported healthy results with constructive outlooks for the year ahead. Stock prices have generally risen faster than our value estimates, leading to less valuation cushion at the portfolio level.

Charter Communications, Inc. (CHTR) and Liberty Broadband Corp. (LBRDK) were the Fund's primary quarterly detractors. Charter's stock fell sharply as the company reported worse-than-expected broadband subscriber losses, introduced multi-year capital spending plans that were higher than anticipated, and disclosed that five million customers participated in a federal subsidy program that would not be funded beyond April. While that's a near-term triple whammy, we think these issues push out rather than derail our investment thesis. We added more Charter shares during the quarter. Other quarterly detractors included Adobe, Inc. (ADBE), S&P Global, Inc. (SPGI) and Laboratory Corp of America Holdings (LH).

Mega-cap titans Meta Platforms, Alphabet, Inc. (GOOG) and Amazon generated outsized gains and were the Fund's top relative contributors for the past 12 months. Vulcan Materials, CoStar Group, Inc. (CSGP) and eight other stocks across multiple industries delivered contributions of more than 100 bps (1%) each. Liberty Broadband and Charter Communications were the Fund's primary detractors for the past year. Liberty Media Corp.-Liberty Live (LLYVK), Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. (TMO) and Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI) were also slight detractors for the past year.

Following our valuation discipline, we continued to methodically rotate from more fully priced stocks to those trading at healthier discounts to our value estimates. We trimmed more tech-adjacent winners during the quarter, including Alphabet, Gartner, Inc. (IT), Salesforce (CRM) and Meta Platforms. We added to the Fund's positions in Global Payments, Inc. (GPN), Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. (FIS) and Aon PLC (AON). We also bought more Charter shares and trimmed Liberty Broadband (owner of 32% of Charter) to refill and reshape the Fund's Charter-related exposure.

Alphabet has been the most notable trim over the past two quarters. In effect, we removed the heavy overweight layer of the position size, which had been in the 6% to 8% range for most of the last five years. Part of the decision simply reflected valuation prudence after an exceptional period where the stock price ran well ahead of our estimate of business value growth. Some of it was a reality check that Google's core search business may be less clearly unassailable than it appeared to be five to seven years ago. Our team also has adopted a healthy "prove it" approach to management/culture, capital allocation and future returns on a robust investment cycle. While Alphabet may no longer warrant standout overweight status, the stock remains one of the Fund's largest holdings.

After *many* reports filled with mea culpas on FIS, it is refreshing to provide a different kind of interim update. We suggested last quarter that the stock's setup was much improved from year-end, rebased price levels. We added to the Fund's position in January and early February at an average price in the high \$50s. FIS completed the sale of a majority stake in Worldpay Merchant Solutions in January, and the company is paying down debt and repurchasing stock with the proceeds. The core businesses are doing fine, and the stock rose 24% to \$74 during the quarter. Credit to CEO Stephanie Ferris and her team for taking decisive steps to help surface value. While FIS has much more work to do, the checkpoint served as a nice reminder that good things can (eventually) happen to high-quality stocks trading at a discount to intrinsic value.

We sold Linde plc (LIN) after an exceptional 13+ years of very profitable ownership. Our team deeply admires Linde's industrial gas business, and management has done a terrific job since the 2018 merger with industrial gases company Praxair. Our exit was purely valuation driven, and we would gladly partner with Linde again at the right price.



VALUE MATTERS: Getting Around the Bases

In a landscape fraught with dramatic headlines, uncertainty, and high-flying tech stocks driven by quickly evolving AI technology, many investors have become uneasy. In spite of the noise, we remain focused on delivering robust risk-adjusted returns while safely getting around the bases.

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We have a focused portfolio that is well aligned with our vision for successful large-cap investing. The Fund has concentrated ownership stakes in 29 companies, with the top ten representing nearly half of the portfolio. Each position is significant enough to matter, yet none can individually make or break our results. Our current estimate is that the portfolio trades at a price-to-value in the mid 90s, which we believe offers adequate return potential over a multi-year period.

Top Relative Contributors and Detractors

TOP CONTRIBUTORS (%)				
	Return	Average Weight	Contribution	% of Net Assets
Meta Platforms, Inc.	37.37	5.06	1.68	5.2
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.	17.90	4.83	0.84	4.9
Vulcan Materials Co.	20.38	4.15	0.79	4.3
Amazon.com, Inc.	18.72	4.11	0.73	4.3
Mastercard, Inc.	13.07	4.76	0.61	4.9

TOP DETRACTORS (%)				
	Return	Average Weight	Contribution	% of Net Assets
Charter Communications, Inc.	-25.83	3.20	-0.85	3.4
Liberty Broadband Corp.	-28.94	1.74	-0.66	1.2
Adobe, Inc.	-15.42	1.90	-0.31	1.6
S&P Global, Inc.	-3.19	2.87	-0.10	2.7
Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	-3.56	2.19	-0.09	2.1

Data is for the quarter ending 03/31/2024. Holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future investments. Contributions to performance are based on actual daily holdings. Returns shown are the actual returns for the specified period of the security. Additional securities referenced herein as a percent of the Fund's net assets as of 03/31/2024: Alphabet, Inc., 5.0%; Analog Devices, Inc., 4.2%; Aon plc, 3.3%; CoStar Group, Inc., 4.4%; Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., 2.4%; Gartner, Inc., 2.0%; Global Payments, Inc., 2.8%; Liberty Media Corp. — Liberty Live, 0.0%; Linde plc, 0.0%; Salesforce, Inc., 3.5%; and Thermo Fischer Scientific, Inc., 4.6%.

RETURNS (%)													
	TOTAL RETURNS		AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS							Since Fund Inception	Net Expense		Gross Expense
	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	20-YR	30-YR	35-YR	(5/9/1986)			
VVAIX Institutional Class	7.79	7.79	31.94	8.56	13.70	9.79	7.66	10.56	10.75	10.62	0.89	0.89	
WVALX Investor Class	7.74	7.74	31.74	8.40	13.50	9.58	7.56	10.49	10.69	10.56	1.04	1.04	
Russell 1000 Index	10.30	10.30	29.87	10.44	14.74	12.67	10.20	10.68	10.91	10.86	-	-	
S&P 500 Index	10.56	10.56	29.88	11.48	15.03	12.95	10.14	10.65	10.85	10.89	-	-	

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The Gross Expense Ratio reflects the total annual operating expenses of the fund before any fee waivers or reimbursements. The Net Expense Ratio reflects the total annual operating expenses of the Fund after taking into account any such fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement. The net expense ratio represents what investors are ultimately charged to be invested in a mutual fund. Performance quoted for Institutional Class shares before their inception (07/31/2014) is derived from the historical performance of the Investor Class shares and has not been adjusted for the expenses of the Institutional Class shares, had they, returns would have been different.

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