



# **Large Cap Growth Portfolio**

## Third Quarter 2025

#### **Portfolio Review**

The Large Cap Growth portfolio underperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index in the third quarter. Poor stock selection in communication services and poor stock selection and an underweight in information technology detracted from performance. An underweight in consumer staples and energy contributed positively to performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were Amphenol and NVIDIA.

- Amphenol is seeing strong demand for its products in the AI related buildout of data centers.
   The company is agnostic to any particular chip or infrastructure related to this buildout. In addition, we feel the business is flexible enough to react to both growth and any potential pullback in demand. The company is also seeing strong growth elsewhere in its business, particularly in defense, industrial and communication networks.
- NVIDIA was a standout performer, as demand for its data center GPUs surged amid the AI infrastructure build-out. The company's leadership in accelerated computing and its expanding software ecosystem are translating into record revenue and margin performance.
   Strong demand from hyperscalers and enterprise customers continues to drive growth. As we see it, NVIDIA's strategic investments in AI platforms and developer tools are reinforcing its competitive moat.
- · Other top contributors included Shopify, O'Reilly Automotive, and Alphabet.

The biggest detractors to performance during the quarter were Trade Desk, and Fair Isaac.

- Trade Desk shares declined due to cautious spending by advertisers and increased
  competition in programmatic channels. Its competitors are expanding beyond owned
  platforms and offering compelling pricing options. Trade Desk's transition to its new platform,
  Kokai, is promising but has yet to materially impact results. Management remains optimistic
  about long-term opportunities in connected TV and retail media.
- Fair Isaac underperformed during the quarter as investor concerns mounted over slowing
  credit origination volumes and potential pricing pressure in its Scores segment. Most
  concerning for long-term investors was elevated scrutiny on mortgage affordability and the
  role FICO's pricing actions have played over time. While some have argued that FICO has
  taken aggressive pricing actions in recent years, it does not appear that they are out of line
  with the value its scores provide.
- Other bottom contributors included Gartner, Netflix, and Intuitive Surgical.

#### **Outlook**

While recent market strength – particularly in small caps – has favored high-beta, lower-quality names, we remain cautious about the sustainability of this rally. Tariffs continue to be a focus for investors although we are still only seeing modest pricing pressure in the data noting that right now that data is backward-looking and has been impacted by tremendous front-loading of imports that occurred at the beginning of the year to avoid some of the tariff pain. Another potential headwind, in our view, is the impact of restrictive immigration policies, which could pose challenges to long-term U.S. growth.

Meanwhile, AI remains a dominant theme. The scale of investment by hyperscalers to expand data center capacity is unprecedented. While it's difficult to separate reality from hype, there's no denying that AI-related capital spending has become a major force in today's economy. Given the intensity and concentration of this spending, we believe it could have longer-term implications for costs and returns across industries and consumers. Against this backdrop, we continue to believe diversification remains essential as markets adjust to shifting economic and policy trends.

## **Purchases and Sales**

New Purchases	Complete Sales
Alaphabet	Accenture
Hermes International	Airbnb
	Gartner
	Roper Technologies
	Ross Stores

# **Portfolio Highlights**

**Style:** Large Cap **Sub-Style:** Growth

Index: Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Growth Portfolio Assets: \$1,572.2 M\* Portfolio Turnover: 25%-35%

# **Investment Management Team**

	earch Date
Chris Armbruster, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2004
Noran Eid Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2012
<b>Richard Sherry, CFA</b> Senior Research Analyst	1998
Katie Advena Research Analyst	2011
<b>Luke Longinotti, CFA</b> Governance + Sustainability Analyst	2020
Charlie Wang, CFA Research Analyst	2020
<b>Clarissa Ali</b> Associate Research Analyst	2023

# **Top Five Holdings**

As of September 30, 2025

Company	Percent of equity (%)
NVIDIA	8.6
Amphenol	7.2
Meta Platforms	6.6
Visa	6.0
Amazon.com	5.8
Total	34.2

\*Figures in USD

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# **Investment Process:** Discovering Quality



KAR High-Quality

#### **Quantitative Methods**

- Investment conferences
- Meetings with companies
- Industry reviews
- Research on existing portfolio holdings
- Third-party research

#### **Quantitative Screens**

- High return on capital over a full economic cycle
- Earnings surprise
- Long and resilient earnings history
- High return on net operating assets
- Minimal debt



Fundamental Research

#### **Qualitative Analysis**

 Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market

#### **Financial Analysis**

 Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately

#### **Valuation Analysis**

 Determine the current and potential value of the business



#### Portfolio Construction

### **Position Weights**

- Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)
- Maximum position size is 10% (at market)

## Sector Tolerances

Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints

#### **Holding Period**

- Typically 3-to-5 years, but is often longer
- Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 35%

#### Cash Levels

 Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%



Sell Discipline

Negative Company or Industry Changes

Portfolio Upgrade

**Acquisition Activity** 

**Extended Valuation** 

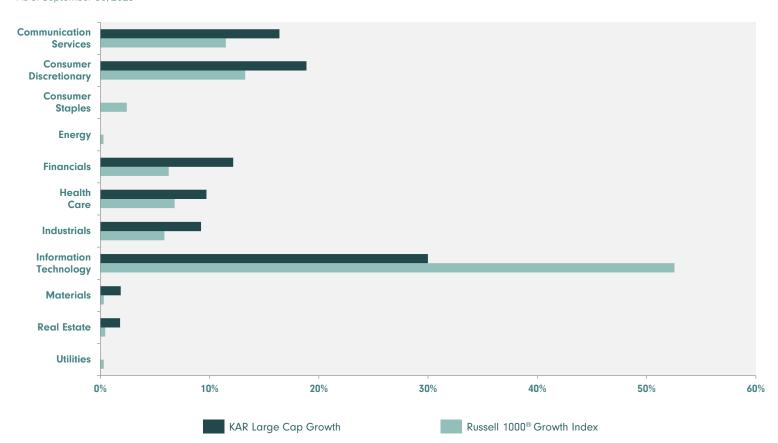
**Seeking Higher Quality** 

Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth

**Seeking Better Value** 

### **Sector Diversification**

As of September 30, 2025



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## **Portfolio Characteristics**

As of September 30, 2025

## **Performance Statistics**

Inception|| to September 30, 2025

	KAR Large Cap Growth	Russell 1000® Growth Index		KAR Large Cap	KAR Large Cap	Russell 1000®
Quality				Growth (gross)	Growth (net)	Growth Index
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	25.8%	31.4%	A limite or		, ,	
Debt/EBITDA*	0.6 x	0.6 x	Alpha	(2.70)	(3.29)	0.00
Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years	41.1%	43.9%				
Growth			Sharpe	0.78	0.74	1.04
Sales Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	16.2%	15.3%	Ratio			
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	19.3%	21.0%	Information	(0.45)	(0.56)	N/A
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	19.0%	21.3%	Ratio			
Value			Beta	1.04	1.04	1.00
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	38.8 x	42.0 x		1.04	1.04	1.00
P/E Ratio—1-Year Forecast FY EPS	32.3 x	32.0 x	Deconstate	104.50	105.91	100.00
Free Cash Flow Yield†	2.2%	2.1%	Downside Capture			
Market Characteristics						
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$943.6 B	\$2,070.0 B	Tracking Error	6.03	6.03	N/A
Largest Market Cap	\$4,552.6 B	\$4,552.6 B	LITOI			

## **Historical Returns**

	KAR Large Cap	KAR Large Cap	Russell 1000®
	Growth (gross)	Growth (net) <sup>§</sup>	Growth Index
Annualized Returns (%)‡			
As of September 30, 2025			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	0.84	0.69	10.51
Year to Date	8.81	8.32	17.24
One Year	12.40	11.74	25.53
Three Years	25.09	24.36	31.61
Five Years	9.31	8.66	17.58
Seven Years	13.35	12.68	18.10
Ten Years	15.19	14.51	18.83
Inception	15.18	14.50	17.89
Annual Returns (%)			
2024	27.19	26.44	33.36
2023	35.69	34.89	42.68
2022	(34.93)	(35.33)	(29.14)
2021	13.12	12.45	27.60
2020	50.86	49.99	38.49
2019	41.07	40.25	36.39
2018	(6.37)	(6.94)	(1.51)
2017	35.93	35.13	30.21
2016	(0.03)	(0.63)	7.08
2015	10.43	9.78	5.67
2014	12.66	11.99	13.05
2013	30.66	29.89	33.48
2012	14.76	14.08	15.26

<sup>\*</sup>KAR utilizes the interquartile method when calculating Debt/EBITDA. The interquartile method excludes outliers from an aggregate statistic such as weighted average. The interquartile method does not assume that data from the top or bottom of the distribution are outliers—only the extreme ends are excluded—and that it can be applied consistently as a quantitative method for most fundamental characteristics. Debt/EBITDA utilizes net debt for the calculation.

<sup>†</sup>Free cash flow data is as of June 30, 2025. Prices are as of September 30, 2025. Excludes financials.
†All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final. Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 0.60% annual fee. Fees presented on the Disclosure page could vary from the assumed fee in the net-of-fee calculation, as actual fees paid by a

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# **Large Cap Growth Composite**

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### **Disclosure**

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Russell 1000® Growth Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2015	10.43	9.02	5.67	12.33	10.85	31	0.35	687	8,095
2016	(0.03)	(1.33)	7.08	13.24	11.31	57	0.06	928	9,989
2017	35.93	34.21	30.21	12.53	10.69	142	1.44	1,175	14,609
2018	(6.37)	(7.59)	(1.51)	14.28	12.30	217	0.23	991	17,840
2019	41.07	39.29	36.39	16.39	13.26	284	0.66	1,304	25,685
2020	50.86	48.97	38.49	22.24	19.92	439	1.16	2,028	39,582
2021	13.12	11.67	27.60	20.20	18.42	536	0.38	2,163	47,269
2022	(34.93)	(35.80)	(29.14)	25.23	23.80	522	0.81	1,262	33,531
2023	35.69	33.97	42.68	22.66	20.80	471	0.98	1,506	41,186
2024	27.19	25.58	33.36	23.30	20.62	461	0.58	1,640	45,494

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The Large Cap Growth Composite has had a performance examination for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns for accounts in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than five accounts were included for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period.

#### GLOSSARY

Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. R2: A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.