

Large Cap Growth Portfolio

Fourth Quarter 2024

Portfolio Review

The Large Cap Growth portfolio underperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index in the fourth quarter. Poor stock selection in consumer discretionary and poor stock selection and an overweight in health care detracted from performance. Good stock selection in information technology and an underweight in consumer staples contributed positively to performance.

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

- Demand for NVIDIA's next generation Blackwell GPUs has been described by management as "incredible," allaying investor concerns about softening demand resulting from hitting limits in compute scaling. Across industries, companies have highlighted AI utilization as a top strategic priority, and we believe with the rise of agentic AI, NVIDIA will remain the primary supplier of requisite GPU capacity as these levels of scaling only continue to increase.
- Amazon continues to fire on all cylinders and investor concerns regarding operating margins were allayed as all three segments showed sequential improvement. We continue to have conviction in Amazon's long-term story and unique competitive positioning.
- Other top contributors included Visa, Shopify, and Netflix.

The biggest detractors to performance during the quarter were Uber Technologies and Zoetis.

- While Uber reported strong operating results, investor concerns regarding autonomous vehicles and their potential impact on the ridesharing industry negatively impacted Uber's share price this quarter. We believe, however, that Uber's dominance over its customer base will enable it to operate as an asset-light third-party marketplace for autonomous vehicle fleet operators who want access to Uber's vast rider base.
- Zoetis's pain medication, Librela, was supposed to be the company's next big driver, but growth has been uneven in the U.S. since its launch. While the company still enjoys a leadership position in dermatology and parasiticides, competitive products are getting stronger. In coming years, it appears the company will need to lean more heavily on price increases over volume growth to drive the top line which we believe has impacted the multiple investors are willing to give the shares.
- Other bottom contributors included Eli Lilly and Company, Danaher, and MercadoLibre.

Outlook

As we look to 2025, we continue to believe it is impossible to predict the unfolding economic outlook. We do see improved business confidence following the results of the election. The labor market remains solid, although not heated; new hires and job openings continue to be strong and the unemployment rate is still low. Corporate debt levels are slightly above long-term averages but appear manageable. Still, inflation has not been completely tamed. We have seen incremental strength in prices, most notably in the services sector production. This presents some challenges as the U.S. economy is driven more by services than goods production. To reach the Fed's 2% inflation target, we will need to see a softening in services prices. At the Federal Reserve's December meeting, the decision to cut the fed funds rate by 25 bps was "finely balanced" — several members of the Fed now see the current policy rate as being much closer to neutral (neither restrictive nor stimulative) than when cuts began in September 2024. To us, this indicates the need to keep expectations in check regarding forecasts for rate cuts in 2025.

Purchases and Sales

New Purchases	Complete Sales
None	None

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Large Cap
Sub-Style: Growth
Index: Russell 1000[®] Growth
Portfolio Assets: \$1,674.5 M*
Portfolio Turnover: 25%–35%

Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
Chris Armbruster, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2004
Noran Eid Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2012
Richard Sherry, CFA Senior Research Analyst	1998
Katie Advena Research Analyst	2011
Luke Longinotti, CFA ESG Research Analyst	2020
Charlie Wang, CFA Research Analyst	2018
Clarissa Ali Associate Research Analyst	2023

Top Five Holdings

As of December 31, 2024

Company	Percent of equity (%)
NVIDIA	8.7
Amazon.com	6.3
Visa	6.1
Meta Platforms	5.7
Fair Isaac	4.8
Total	31.7

* Figures in USD

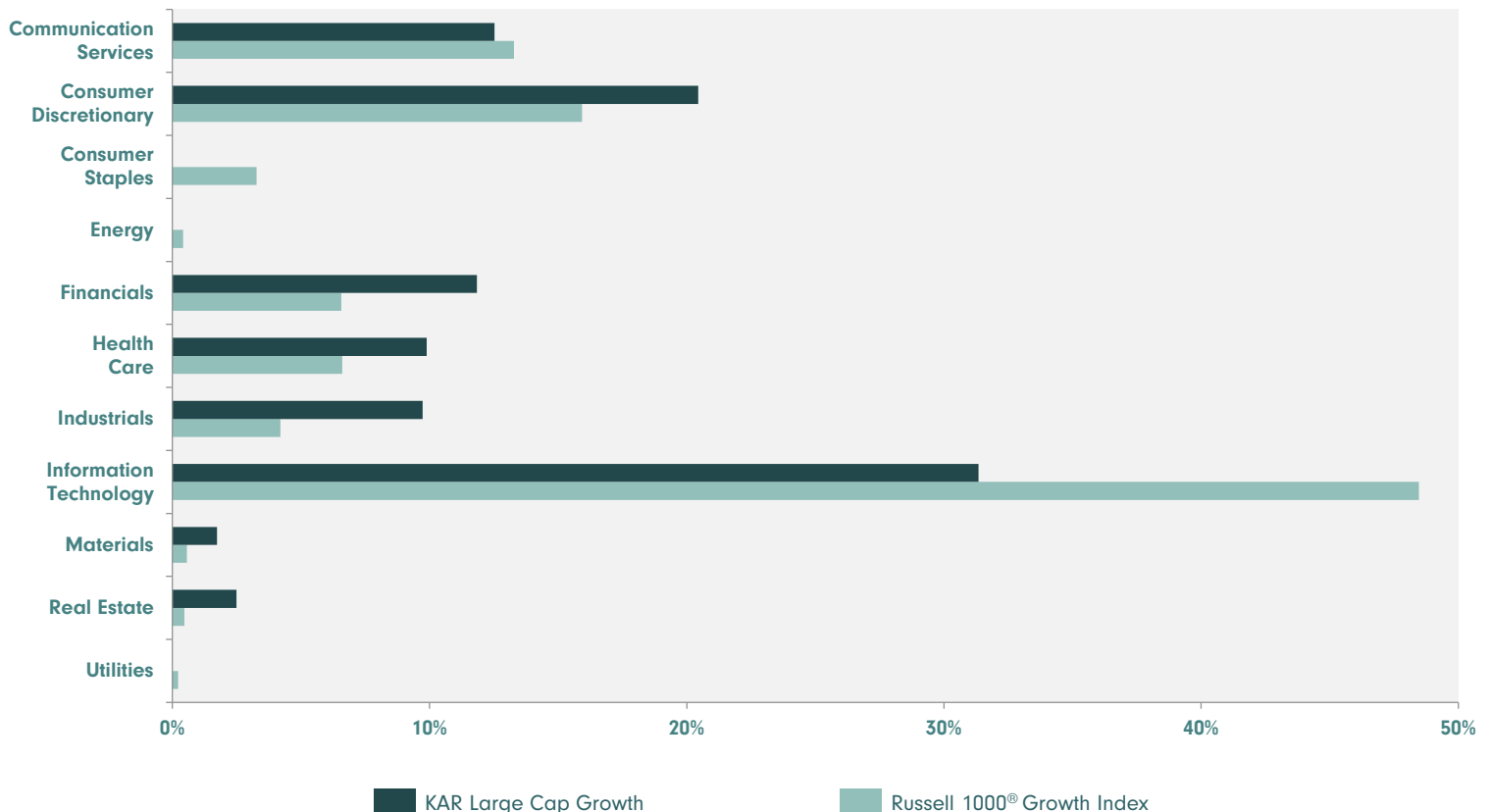
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Investment Process: Discovering Quality

Development of KAR High-Quality Universe	Proprietary Fundamental Research	Portfolio Construction	Sell Discipline
<p>Quantitative Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment conferences Meetings with companies Industry reviews Research on existing portfolio holdings Third-party research <p>Quantitative Screens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High return on capital over a full economic cycle Earnings surprise Long and resilient earnings history High return on net operating assets Minimal debt 	<p>Qualitative Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market <p>Financial Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately <p>Valuation Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the current and potential value of the business 	<p>Position Weights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost) Maximum position size is 10% (at market) <p>Sector Tolerances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints <p>Holding Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically 3-to-5 years, but is often longer Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 35% <p>Cash Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10% 	<p>Negative Company or Industry Changes</p> <p>Portfolio Upgrade</p> <p>Acquisition Activity</p> <p>Extended Valuation</p>
<p>Seeking Higher Quality Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth Seeking Better Value</p>			

Sector Diversification

As of December 31, 2024



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Portfolio Characteristics

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	KAR Large Cap Growth	Russell 1000® Growth Index
Quality		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	23.4%	30.7%
Debt/EBITDA*	0.8 x	0.6 x
Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years	45.0%	44.1%
Growth		
Sales Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	15.8%	15.8%
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	26.2%	26.2%
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	20.7%	23.8%
Value		
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	42.8 x	40.3 x
P/E Ratio—1-Year Forecast FY EPS	34.6 x	31.3 x
Free Cash Flow Yield†	2.6%	2.5%
Market Characteristics		
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$655.3 B	\$1,715.1 B
Largest Market Cap	\$3,303.5 B	\$3,807.4 B

Performance Statistics

Inception* to December 31, 2024

	KAR Large Cap Growth (gross)	KAR Large Cap Growth (net)	Russell 1000® Growth Index
Alpha	(2.55)	(3.14)	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.79	0.75	1.03
Information Ratio	(0.38)	(0.49)	N/A
Beta	1.06	1.06	1.00
Downside Capture	105.57	107.02	100.00
Tracking Error	5.84	5.84	N/A

Historical Returns

	KAR Large Cap Growth (gross)	KAR Large Cap Growth (net) [§]	Russell 1000® Growth Index
Annualized Returns (%)[†]			
As of December 31, 2024			
4 th Quarter	3.31	3.15	7.07
One Year	27.19	26.44	33.36
Three Years	3.94	3.32	10.47
Five Years	13.89	13.22	18.96
Seven Years	14.19	13.51	18.08
Ten Years	14.28	13.60	16.78
Inception	15.37	14.69	17.57
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

*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.

†Free cash flow data is as of September 30, 2024. Prices are as of December 31, 2024. 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 particular client account differ depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, business unit and size of mandate. The fee used on the Disclosure page utilizes an assumed maximum fee across the firm's business units, which is further detailed on that page.

|| January 1, 2012

This material is deemed supplemental and complements the performance and disclosure at the end of this presentation. For further details on the composite, please see the disclosure statement in this presentation. Data is obtained from FactSet Research Systems and BNY Mellon and is assumed to be reliable. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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)
2014	12.66	11.21	13.05	10.39	9.73	25	0.14	681	7,989
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

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The composite includes all fully discretionary institutional and pooled Large Cap Growth Portfolios. Large Cap Growth Portfolios are invested in equity securities with market capitalizations consistent with the Russell 1000® Growth Index, that have market control, rising free cash flow, shareholder-oriented management, strong consistent profit growth and low-debt balance sheets. For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the Russell 1000® Growth Index. The Russell 1000® Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of growth-oriented stocks of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell Universe, which comprises of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total-return basis with dividends reinvested. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. The inception date of the composite is January 2012. The composite was created in January 2012. Prior to April 2024, the name of the composite was the Large Cap Sustainable Growth Composite. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The firm's list of composite descriptions, list of broad distribution pooled fund and the list of limited distribution pooled funds descriptions are available upon request.

The model management fee used for the net returns in this table is 1.30% for all periods presented. The standard Institutional management fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 0.60% for the first \$25 million; 0.55% on the next \$25 million; 0.45% on the next \$50 million; 0.35% on the balance. The maximum Wealth Advisory Services Fee in effect is 1.30% for all assets, which breaks out as follows:

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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.

INDEX DEFINITION

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