

**PERFORMANCE (AS OF 03/31/2024)**

	1Q 2024	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Large Cap Growth (Gross)	11.32%	32.58%	8.90%	14.04%	13.26%	9.21%
Large Cap Growth (Net)	11.20%	31.96%	8.37%	13.50%	12.62%	8.05%
Russell 1000® Growth	11.41%	39.00%	12.50%	18.52%	15.98%	9.21%

Periods greater than one year are annualized. Inception Date: 12/31/1997.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Building on a strong finish to 2023, Russell 1000 Growth advanced more than 11 percent and S&P 500 rose 10.5 percent in 1Q 2024, the best opening quarter since 2019
- Strategy performed essentially in-line with the market; strong performance in Information Technology overcame the Riverbridge investment style being generally out of favor
- Riverbridge's discipline of targeting companies with internally financed growth has insulated the portfolio from a recent rise in corporate debt defaults; our focus on strategic market positions will be important should economic growth slow

**MARKET COMMENTARY**

The first quarter of 2024 built on the strength of last year by posting a gain of more than 11 percent for the Russell 1000 Growth and 10.5 percent for the S&P 500 index, the best opening quarter for the equity market since 2019. Several of the factors that propelled the stock market to outsize returns in 2023 persisted into the new year, including continued excitement surrounding artificial intelligence, anticipation of interest rate cuts, inflation trending lower, and few signs of an imminent economic downturn.

Though performance diverged among the seven companies which drove the market higher in 2023, the first quarter of 2024 also continued the trend of mega and large cap stocks outperforming small and mid caps. Largely thanks to Facebook and Instagram's parent company Meta Platforms (META), the Communication Services sector was the Russell 1000 Growth's best absolute performer during the quarter. Similarly, standout results and guidance helped Nvidia (NVDA) carry the returns of the index's largest sector, Information Technology. Real Estate was the only sector to generate negative returns; Consumer Discretionary, Energy, and Consumer Staples also lagged the broader market.

**PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY**

The Riverbridge Large Cap Growth strategy rose 11.2 percent net of fees in the first quarter, keeping pace with the Russell 1000 Growth index's 11.4 percent return and slightly outperforming the S&P 500's 10.5 percent advance.

It was encouraging that the strategy kept pace with its benchmark in the first quarter. Riverbridge's investment style was generally out of favor during the first quarter as market participants gravitated toward more speculative investments related to AI, Bitcoin, and GLP-1s – a promising new class of weight loss drugs – as well as more economically sensitive industries such as Construction, Retail, Household Durables, and Distributors. Areas where Riverbridge tends to find companies that meet its investment criteria, such as Professional Services and Software, generally underperformed.

The portfolio overcame this headwind thanks to strong stock selection in Information Technology. Nvidia (NVDA) was the largest contributor to the strategy's total return. A portfolio holding since 2018, Nvidia continues to exceed already lofty expectations with each quarterly report, as demand for their GPUs is, for the time being, insatiable. While the gold rush for their products is sure to slow eventually, it is futile to predict precisely when that will happen. Fortunately, from Riverbridge's viewpoint, Nvidia is much more than a hardware company. While they are best known for their chips, what separates the company from other semiconductor manufacturers is their development community and the software ecosystem. In particular, the CUDA parallel computing platform allows developers to work together to best leverage Nvidia's chips. We believe Nvidia's enduring advantage will prove to be their software and platform, which is much harder to displace than a microchip.

For the first time in quite some time, not owning Apple (AAPL) also boosted the Large Cap Growth strategy's relative returns, which declined 10.5 percent on concerns about a slowdown in China and a recently filed anti-trust lawsuit.

Stock selection in Financials and Healthcare were the two largest detractors from relative performance. In Financials, S&P Global (SPGI) declined slightly for the quarter after issuing muted guidance for 2024; longer term, we expect the company to leverage its unique data assets to successfully monetize the emerging advances in AI. In Health Care, UnitedHealth Group (UNH) pulled back as it navigates higher utilization costs, increased competition for its Medicare Advantage business unit, and a cybersecurity incident. Despite these short-term challenges, we believe UnitedHealth is well positioned at the nexus of multiple healthcare trends and will continue to innovate and build earnings power in the years ahead.

#### TRANSACTION COMMENTARY

The Riverbridge Investment Team purchased one new portfolio company during the first quarter.

Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO) is a leading analytics software company and the industry standard for credit scores. Over 90 percent of U.S. consumer credit decisions are based on FICO scores, accounting for trillions of dollars of approvals and valuations. In addition, the company offers decision management software and tools used across multiple industries to manage risk, fight fraud, optimize operations, and meet regulations. FICO's tools and data are embedded throughout the credit cycle and often written into a bank's risk management policies and procedures, making their customer relationships extremely sticky.

We used Ecolab (ECL) as the source of funds for the purchase, believing Fair Isaac Corporation represents a more compelling long-term opportunity.

#### OUTLOOK

As Riverbridge looks ahead, we are optimistic about the prospects of our portfolio companies. We believe they are positioned well for growth, regardless of the economic backdrop. Recently, there has been a sharp increase in the number of companies defaulting on their debt. Our insistence that our portfolio companies be capable of internally financing their growth should shield our portfolios from this concerning phenomenon and provide greater earnings power durability.

Over the last five years, the equity markets have experienced numerous market-shaping events which defy anyone's predictive abilities. However, what remains true is that earnings power determines the value of companies. Management teams that focused on building their strategic market positions throughout this highly disrupted period have benefited most. Those management teams more focused on maximizing performance by capitalizing on a small moment in time have generally underperformed. The Riverbridge investment team will continue to eschew the short-lived emotions of the market and focus on companies that are positioning themselves to thrive over the next decade.

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**PURCHASES 1Q 2024**

Security	Sector	Rationale
Fair Isaac Corporation	Information Technology	Analytics software company providing credit risk assesment and decision management software and tools that help businesses make decisions that improve profitability and productivity.

**SALES 1Q 2024**

Security	Sector	Rationale
Ecolab, Inc.	Materials	Source of funds for more attractive investment opportunity.

**CONTRIBUTORS 1Q 2024**

Security	Rationale
NVIDIA Corporation	Demand vastly outstrips supply as hyper-scalers and enterprise customers deploy Generative AI.
Microsoft Corporation	Strong outlook as company continues to leverage its position in applications and infrastructure to drive cloud services.
Amazon.com, Inc.	Cloud business reaccelerates; advertising business gains momentum.
Veeva Systems, Inc.	Consistent growth and profitability eases fear of competition from Salesforce.com transition.
Fastenal Company	Results better than feared in uncertain manufacturing environment; company continues to differentiate service and grow market share.

**DETRACTORS 1Q 2024**

Security	Rationale
Tesla, Inc.	Higher interest rates soften demand as investors await new models and full-self driving capability.
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	Higher costs from utilization, increased Medicare Advantage competition, and cybersecurity event weigh on sentiment.
Paycom Software, Inc.	BETI transition continues to weigh on growth and investments temporarily weigh on best-in-class margins.
Starbucks Corporation	Soft international comps cause company to lower near-term guidance; reacceleration expected in back half of the year.
S&P Global, Inc.	Employee benefit normalization pressures magnitude of margin expansion; long-term opportunity to leverage unique data assets enhanced by advancements in AI.

## LARGE CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE

Year	Gross-of-Fee Return (%)	Net-of-Fee Return (%)	Russell 1000® Growth Return (%)	Portfolios	Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Year Ex-Post Std. Dev.	Russell 1000® Growth 3-Year Ex-Post Std. Dev.	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Ttl Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	Advisory Only (\$Millions)	Ttl Firm Assets & Advisory Only (\$Millions)
2023	38.96	38.31	42.68	<5	N/A	21.08	20.51	0.9	7,429.2	4,432.2	11,861.5
2022	-31.17	-31.53	-29.14	<5	N/A	22.30	23.47	0.7	6,279.5	3,892.8	10,172.3
2021	20.13	19.58	27.60	<5	N/A	16.04	18.17	1.0	9,408.0	6,149.6	15,557.6
2020	33.97	33.34	38.49	<5	N/A	17.23	19.64	0.8	8,478.1	4,896.5	13,374.6
2019	30.34	29.72	36.39	<5	N/A	11.95	13.07	0.9	5,378.3	2,633.2	8,011.5
2018	0.43	-0.05	-1.51	<5	N/A	11.08	12.13	0.7	4,737.1	1,842.0	6,579.1
2017	22.77	22.06	30.21	<5	N/A	9.52	10.54	0.6	5,047.9	1,791.1	6,839.0
2016	9.41	8.41	7.08	<5	N/A	10.18	11.15	0.6	4,686.7	1,546.6	6,233.3
2015	5.95	5.23	5.67	<5	N/A	10.34	10.70	0.3	5,030.8	1,202.4	6,233.2
2014	8.04	7.41	13.05	<5	N/A	8.83	9.59	0.2	5,523.2	1,215.6	6,738.8

**NOTE:** Prior to 10/01/2007, the returns presented for the Large Cap Growth Composite represent the returns of the Large Cap Growth Wrap Composite and represents pure gross of fee performance, gross of all management fees and transaction costs. The Large Cap Growth Wrap performance presented above represents pure gross of fee performance, gross of all management fees and transaction costs. All accounts in the Large Cap Growth Wrap composite have a bundled-fee arrangement. The bundled-fee includes broker fees, investment advisor fees, custodian fees and any administration fees. The firm's management fee for Large Cap Growth Wrap is based on wrap account agreements and is approximately annual 2%. The investment strategy employed is similar for both composites. Since the Large Cap Growth Composite did not have any accounts in it prior to 10/1/2007, we have appended the history of the Large Cap Wrap Composite to demonstrate our experience managing a large cap growth investment strategy. This information is being provided as supplemental information.

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**Composite Characteristics:** The Large Cap Growth Composite was created in October 2007 and its inception date was 12/31/1997. It is a diversified growth stock portfolio invested in large capitalization growth companies. A complete list and description of all firm composites, including broad and limited distribution pooled funds, is available upon request. The composite benchmark is the Russell 1000® Growth Index. The Russell 1000® Growth Index includes the segment of securities within the Russell 1000® Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000® Index is an unmanaged index measuring the performance of the large-cap U.S. equity universe. Composite dispersion is not presented for years with 5 or fewer accounts. The benchmark returns are gross of all fees and taxes. The composite minimum value is \$100,000.

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