## Large Cap Value Dividend Select: Performance & Commentary



### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

The strategy returned -2.31% before fees (-2.46% net of fees) in the fourth quarter, compared to the -1.98% return from the Benchmark Russell 1000 Value Index.

Asset allocation contributed 0.33% to relative performance for the quarter, primarily from underweighting the underperforming Health Care and overweighting the outperforming Financials sectors, and cash holdings also contributed to relative performance. Stock selection detracted 0.66% from performance for the quarter, driven primarily by holdings in the Health Care, Communication Services, Real Estate, and Materials sectors, while holdings in the Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary, and Utilities sectors contributed positive performance.

#### **MARKET OUTLOOK**

Equities advanced through much of the fourth quarter. Spurred on by anticipation of a Trump victory and Fed rate cuts. However, the rally stalled in the second half of December as the market began to fret over higher long-term interest rates and began to weigh the implications of the Trump administration's potential policies. The fourth quarter equities advance was led by large-cap growth stocks displaying strong momentum, higher beta, and volatility, as smaller cap companies and companies exhibiting characteristics of value, quality, profitability and higher dividend yield underperformed.

The current 21.7 X forward P/E on the S&P 500 Index is a level that has historically been closely associated with lower future returns. SPX earnings are estimated to grow by 9.3% in 2024 and 16.3% in 2025 and is pricing in steady economic growth. The estimated growth in earnings for both years are well above 8.4% average rate of growth over the past 35 years.

However, equity indices can continue to advance with a continued broadening out in participation beyond the large cap growth stocks. Equity returns in 2025 will require earnings growth, not multiple expansion. Corporate profits can accelerate and broaden from improved operating leverage, margin expansion, tax cuts. Steady pricing power and lower energy input costs and deregulation will also help.

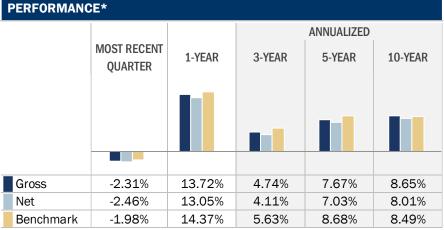
Large Cap Value Dividend Select is a value-based strategy with a heavy exposure to the dividend yield factor that has performed relatively well during periods of lower equity market returns and higher volatility. The investment environment is expected to become increasingly volatile, given the uncertainties associated with the new administration, future monetary or fiscal policy shifts and the increase of geopolitical conflicts across the world.

### **STRATEGY OVERVIEW**

Benchmark:	Russell 1000 Value
Inception Date:	July 1, 2004

### STRATEGY SUMMARY

Large Cap Value Dividend Select invests in dividend paying stocks with market capitalization greater than \$1 billion. The portfolio is managed with the dual objectives of outperforming the Russell 1000 Value Index and also producing a higher current yield than the benchmark index. We believe the portfolio is well-diversified, with representation across all eleven of the major sectors comprising the U.S. equity market. The bottom-up security selection process seeks to invest in dividend-paying stocks that provide attractive fundamental value and demonstrate strong earnings growth relative to their sector peers.



Source - Bloomberg and F/m Investments

\*Returns are Estimated. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Benchmark: The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Value Index. Prior to January 1, 2008 the benchmark was the Dow Jones Equity Income 100 Index. It was changed to more accurately represent the investment strategy.

As of December 31, 2024. All benchmark returns presented are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. Actual investment performance will vary due to fees and expenses. Investment performance reflects the reinvestment of dividends and other income. Gross-of-fees performance is shown net of trading expenses. Net of fees performance is shown net of a model investment management fee that is equal to the highest fee charged to the intended audience. For comparison purposes, the benchmarks include the reinvestment of income. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect fees and expenses, and are not available for direct investment. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

# Large Cap Value Dividend Select: Most Recent Quarter Attribution



SECTOR ATTRIBUTION									
SECTOR	AVERAG	E WEIGHT	*ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS						
	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK	ALLOCATION EFFECT	SELECTION EFFECT	TOTAL EFFECT				
Communication Services	4.51%	4.30%	0.00%	-0.53%	-0.53%				
Consumer Discretionary	5.30%	6.21%	0.01%	0.30%	0.31%				
Consumer Staples	8.55%	7.79%	-0.01%	0.10%	0.09%				
Energy	6.83%	6.84%	-0.01%	-0.15%	-0.16%				
Financials	23.39%	22.42%	0.09%	0.08%	0.17%				
Health Care	13.26%	14.62%	0.14%	-0.60%	-0.46%				
Industrials	11.79%	14.81%	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.01%				
Information Technology	9.27%	9.18%	-0.01%	0.58%	0.57%				
Materials	4.14%	4.42%	0.03%	-0.38%	-0.35%				
Real Estate	4.16%	4.74%	0.02%	-0.42%	-0.40%				
Utilities	5.03%	4.67%	-0.02%	0.37%	0.35%				
Cash	3.76%	0.00%	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%				
Total Portfolio	100.00%	100.00%	0.33%	-0.66%	-0.33%				

Benchmark = Russell 1000 Value

\*The attribution analysis is based off a model portfolio, and does not include fees or expenses.

As of December 31, 2024. Individual client results may vary. Total Effect includes sector allocation effect + stock selection effect. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The benchmarks are unmanaged and unavailable for direct investment. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

# Large Cap Value Dividend Select: Characteristics



STRATEGY OVERVIEW	
Benchmark:	Russell 1000 Value
Holdings:	55-65 securities
Diversification:	On a security basis, won't overweight to the benchmark by $>3\%$
Return Objective:	Outperform the Russell 1000 Value Index by 1.75%
Risk Control:	Tracking Error target of 2.5% to 5.0% vs. Russell 1000 Value Index

TOP TEN HOLDINGS BY WEIGHT							
	TICKER	PERCENT WEIGHT					
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	JPM	3.12%					
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	PNC	2.76%					
MetLife, Inc.	MET	2.66%					
Cisco Systems, Inc.	CSCO	2.53%					
Bank of America Corp.	BAC	2.41%					
Eaton Corp. PLC	ETN	2.18%					
AbbVie Inc.	ABBV	2.15%					
Wells Fargo & Co.	WFC	2.10%					
Broadcom Inc.	AVGO	2.09%					
Johnson & Johnson	INI	2.09%					

CHARACTERISTICS		
GENERAL MEASURES	LCVDS	BENCHMARK
Number Of Stocks In Portfolio	66	871
Weighted Average Cap (\$ Mil)	197,117	157,162
Yield (%)	3.3	2.1
ROE (%)	19.3	17.2
Debt/Equity Ratio (%)	142.9	82.4
Beta	1.03	_
VALUE MEASURES	LCVDS	BENCHMARK
Price/Earnings Ratio* (12-Month Trailing)	16.5	19.0
Price/Earnings Ratio* (Forecast FY)	13.7	16.7
Price/Book Value Ratio	2.3	2.5
Price/Cash Flow Ratio	9.3	11.4
Price/Sales Ratio	1.5	1.8
GROWTH MEASURES	LCVDS	BENCHMARK
EPS 1-Year Growth Rate (%) (Forecast FY)	7.0	9.7
EPS 5-Year Growth Rate (%) (Trailing)	8.5	10.2
EPS Growth - Long-Term Forecast	8.0	10.2

As of December 31, 2024. \*Price /Earnings ratios exclude stocks with zero or negative earnings. Data Source: FactSet | Past performance does not guarantee future results. The benchmarks are unmanaged and unavailable for direct investment. Holdings are subject to change and are as of the date indicated. These holdings should not be considered a recommendation to purchase, hold, or sell any particular security. There is no assurance that any of the securities noted will remain in the portfolio at the time you receive this presentation. It should not be assumed that any of the holdings discussed were, or will prove to be profitable, or that the investment recommendations or decisions we make in the future will be profitable. A complete list of all recommendations made by the firm is available upon request. As of 1/1/2024, the Total Strategy ROE includes negative values, and also caps all ROE security values that are greater that 100 or less than -100. The targeted returns are forward-looking, do not represent actual performance, there is no guarantee that such performance will be achieved, and that actual results may vary substantially. Return target is purely aspirational.

## Large Cap Value Dividend Select: Sector Weights



SECTOR	LCVDS	BENCHMARK	DIFFERENCE	
Consumer Discretionary	5.47%	6.12%	-0.65%	
Consumer Staples	8.47%	7.91%	0.57%	
Energy	8.10%	7.57%	0.53%	
Financials	22.67%	21.01%	1.66%	
Health Care	14.30%	15.57%	-1.27%	
Industrials	12.43%	14.44%	-2.01%	
Information Technology	10.37%	9.50%	0.88%	
Materials	4.49%	4.57%	-0.08%	•
Real Estate	4.08%	4.60%	-0.52%	
Communication Services	4.78%	4.26%	0.52%	
Utilities	4.83%	4.46%	0.37%	

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	Gross-of-Fees	Net-of-Fees	Benchmark	Composite 3 Yr. Ex Post	Benchmark 3 Yr. Ex Post	Number of	Internal	Carve Out	Composite Assets	Strategy Assets	Firm AUM	Firm AUA
Year-End	Return	Return	Return	Std. Dev.	Std. Dev.	Portfolios	Dispersion	Percentage	(USD millions)	(USD millions)	(USD millions)	(USD millions)
2014	12.3%	11.6%	13.4%	8.9%	9.3%	10	N.A.	0%	\$459	\$511	\$5 <i>,</i> 748	\$318
2015	-1.6%	-2.2%	-3.8%	10.2%	10.8%	9	N.A.	0%	\$603	\$695	\$9,781	\$605
2016	14.0%	13.3%	17.3%	10.0%	10.9%	18	N.A.	0%	\$882	\$1,000	\$10,651	\$1,170
2017	18.9%	18.2%	13.7%	9.4%	10.3%	17	0.1%	0%	\$617	\$724	\$9 <i>,</i> 888	\$1,561
2018	-6.1%	-6.7%	-8.3%	10.7%	11.0%	16	0.2%	0%	\$409	\$530	\$10,084	\$1,775
2019	26.6%	25.8%	26.5%	11.9%	12.0%	11	N.A.	0%	\$76	\$335	\$10,693	\$2,112
2020	-1.4%	-2.0%	2.8%	19.0%	19.9%	10	0.0%	0%	\$39	\$279	\$8,238	\$2,118
2021	27.7%	27.0%	25.2%	18.6%	19.3%	12	0.0%	0%	\$49	\$289	\$8 <i>,</i> 035	\$2,293
2022	-5.7%	-6.3%	-7.5%	20.9%	21.6%	9	0.1%	0%	\$41	\$230	\$6 <i>,</i> 383	\$1,734
2023	7.2%	6.5%	11.5%	16.7%	16.7%	9	0.1%	0%	\$44	\$231	\$6 <i>,</i> 592	\$1,370

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**Composite and Benchmark Description:** Large Cap Value Dividend Select is an actively managed equity strategy that seeks to provide above-average dividend yields and diversification across major sectors of the benchmark. From October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2010, the composite was named Value Equity Income. From October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 the composite name was Equity Income. The composite was redefined on January 1, 2012 to include mutual funds utilizing the Large Cap Value Dividend Select strategy. The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Value Index. The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

Minimum Account Size: The minimum account size for this composite is \$100,000. From 1/1/06-12/31/12 the minimum account size was \$250,000.

Composite Creation and Inception Date: The Large Cap Value Dividend Select composite creation and inception date is July 1, 2004.

Significant Cash Flow Policy: Beginning January 1, 2013, portfolios with significant cash flows are excluded from the composite. Cash flows of 10% or more are considered significant

Internal Dispersion: The internal dispersion is measured by the standard deviation across asset-weighted portfolio returns represented within the composite for the period. If there are less than 6 portfolios in the composite for the entire year, the internal dispersion is not statistically meaningful and is presented as N.A. All risk measures are calculated using gross-of-fees returns.

Fees: Gross-of-fees returns are presented after trading expenses and before management fees. Net-of-fees returns are presented after the highest applicable management fee applied on a monthly basis. Prior to 1/1/12, fees were applied on a quarterly basis. The highest applicable management fee is 0.60%. Fees are calculated separately for each portfolio, and therefore, performance may differ from one portfolio to another. The effect of fees and expenses on performance will vary with the relative size of the fee and account performance. For example, if \$10 million were invested and experienced a 10% compounded annual return for ten years, its ending dollar value, without giving effect to the deduction of the advisory fee, would be \$25,937,425. If an advisory fee of 0.60% of average net assets per year for the ten-year period were deducted, the annual total return would be \$37,489,624. The fee schedule is: 0.60% on the first \$25 million; 0.45% on the next \$25 million; and .30% on all additional assets.

Other: Strategy assets include all portfolios in the Large Cap Value Dividend Select strategy, even those portfolios that are excluded from the composite because of significant cash flows or for other reasons, and include non-wrap, wrap and UMA assets. This is presented as supplemental information.

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