

# **Quarterly Headlines**

The US market got off to a strong start to the year with the S&P 500 and NASDAQ both hitting multiple new highs in the period, in part because excitement continued to grow over the potential for artificial intelligence. In addition, the Federal Reserve maintained its view that interest rates would be cut three times this year, despite data showing inflation was running higher than initially expected. The energy sector was the top performer as the oil price continued to move higher on news that OPEC+ would be extending its voluntary production cuts. The traditionally defensive health care and consumer staples sectors lagged the broader market rally, as did the interest rate sensitive real estate sector.

Sector allocation was the key driver of underperformance in the period. Underweight exposure to financials, as well as overweight exposure to the consumer staples and health care sectors, all detracted from relative performance. Stock selection was broadly neutral with strong positive effects in the IT and communication services sectors being offset by weaker selection effects elsewhere. Meta was the top performer after the stock rallied on the back of good results, an improving outlook, and general excitement about the potential of Al. American Tower was the worst performing name as the stock struggled amidst changing interest rate expectations.

# Strategy at a Glance

- Strategy Inception: January 2006
- Investment Team Size of 7
- Active, value-oriented defensive strategy
- Detailed, long-term fundamental analysis
- Consistent application of income-oriented valuation approach
- History of outperformance versus the benchmark, with lower volatility
- Portfolio contains 25 35 securities
- Annual turnover is generally 20 35%

#### Senior Investment Professionals



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## Performance Summary

	Composite (Gross)	Composite (Net)	Benchmark	Secondary Benchmark
Quarter 1, 2024	8.2%	8.0%	9.0%	10.3%
1 Year	27.5%	27.0%	20.3%	29.9%
3 Years (Annualized)	13.3%	12.8%	8.1%	10.5%
5 Years (Annualized)	13.8%	13.3%	10.3%	14.8%
10 Years (Annualized)	11.9%	11.4%	9.0%	12.7%
Since Inception (Annualized) January 1, 2006	9.9%	9.4%	8.0%	10.3%

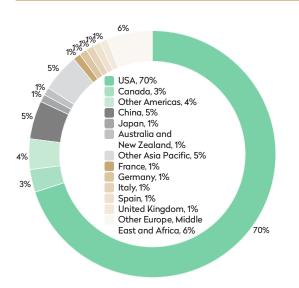
### **Attribution**

	Stock Selection	Sector Allocation	Currency Effect	Total Return
Portfolio	0.0%	9.2%	-1.1%	8.1%
Benchmark	-	10.1%	-1.1%	9.0%

All returns in: USD
Composite: U.S. Large Cap Equity
Benchmark: Russell 1000 Value Index (Gross)
Secondary Benchmark: Russell 1000 Index (Gross)
Source: Mondrian Investment Partners and Russell
All information is dated as at the end of the Quarter, unless otherwise stated. Refer to Important Notes and Disclosures.

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## Revenue by Geographical Exposure



#### **Sector Allocation**

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Relative Weight
Health Care	21.0%	+6.7%
Consumer Staples	15.6%	+7.9%
Financials	13.7%	-9.0%
Info. Technology	10.2%	+0.8%
Industrials	8.8%	-5.5%
Energy	7.5%	-0.6%
Real Estate	6.8%	+2.2%
Utilities	5.9%	+1.2%
Cons. Discretionary	3.3%	-1.7%
Materials	3.2%	-1.6%
Comm. Services	2.9%	-1.7%
Cash	1.0%	-

## **Strategy Characteristics**

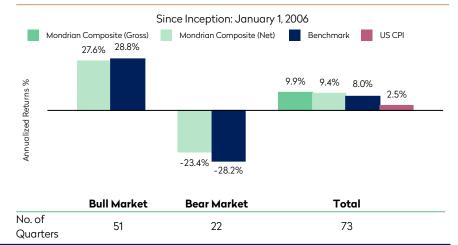
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Weighted Average P/E (trailing 12 months)	20.1x	18.3x
Weighted Average P/B	2.8x	2.6x
Weighted Average Dividend Yield	2.1%	2.1%
Number of Holdings	35	845
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD, billion)	150.1	159.3
Median Market Cap (USD, billion)	44.0	13.9

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- Founded in 1990, with over 30 years of stable, consistent leadership
- ~USD 49 billion under management and advisement
- Mondrian is employee-owned; approximately half of employees are partners today
- Consistent, income-oriented value discipline has been applied to all products since the firm's inception
- Highly experienced team of 58 investment professionals in London

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## **Defensive Characteristics**



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