

“Attractive stocks possess an elusive combination of three essential criteria: statistical cheapness, undervaluation, and timeliness. Our process is dedicated to identifying stocks that meet all three.”

– Mary Jane Matts

- The broad equity market, as measured by the Russell 3000, returned 2.4% for the Fourth Quarter. Large caps narrowly outperformed small caps, value indices outperformed growth, and cyclicals performed in-line with defensives in the large cap space. The best performing style factors were Beta, Earnings Yield, and Momentum; the worst performing factors were Volatility, Profitability, and Liquidity. The Large Cap Value Strategy outperformed the Russell 1000 Value by 199 basis points, attributable to style and industry factor exposures.
- The largest contribution to relative results came from advantageous style factor effects, principally the overexposures to Earnings Yield and Momentum, two of the top performing factors for the quarter. Industry exposures added value, most notably within Industrials and Information Technology. In terms of stock selection, the largest contributions came from Industrials, Financials, and Communication Services. In Industrials, Cummins Inc (CMI +21.4%) continued to benefit from data center exposure and a bottoming truck cycle, while Delta (DAL +22.7%) was buoyed by a strong 3Q beat and a raise in full year guidance, amid lower fuel costs and tailwinds from capacity rationalization at weaker carriers. Elsewhere, General Motors (GM +33.6%) was rewarded for improved business resiliency and credited with the ability to manage effectively through the changing regulatory environment (tariffs, emissions, etc.).
- Stock selection was a slight drag on relative returns, with the largest negative impacts attributable to the Health Care, Information Technology, and Materials sectors. In Health Care, portfolio picks failed to keep pace with strong performance in benchmark names in biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. In Information Technology, underexposure to leading semiconductors and semiconductor equipment stocks weighed on results. In Materials, Mosaic (MOS -29.9%) underperformed as continued operational issues at their phosphate plants significantly impacted Q3 production and full year guidance, with sentiment further buffeted by lower-than-expected demand for fertilizers and weaker overall farm/agricultural spending. Among style effects, overweightings to underperforming factors Profitability and Leverage were the largest negative contributors to relative returns.

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Top Five Contributors	Relative Effect on Return (%)	Top Five Detractors	Relative Effect on Return (%)
Cummins Inc.	0.56	Mosaic Company	-0.47
General Motors Company	0.47	Micron Technology, Inc.	-0.38
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	0.39	Altria Group, Inc.	-0.30
Synchrony Financial	0.30	United Rentals, Inc.	-0.27
Alphabet Inc. Class C	0.29	T-Mobile US, Inc.	-0.21

	<u>3 Months</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Large Cap Value Composite Gross	5.80	25.39	25.39	17.86	15.76	11.47
Large Cap Value Composite Net	5.68	24.86	24.86	17.33	15.24	10.95
Russell 1000 Value	3.81	15.91	15.91	13.90	11.33	10.53

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- Over 70% of the active risk in the portfolio is attributable to stock specific risk, with the remainder split between style factor risk and industry risk. Stock specific risk is concentrated in Financials, Industrials, Information Technology, and Health Care, with significant contributions from Delta Air Lines, Cummins, General Motors, Nucor, and U.S. Bancorp. Style risk is concentrated in overexposures to Momentum and the value factors (Earnings Yield, Book to Price, and Dividend Yield), and an underexposure to Volatility. Industry risk is concentrated in Financials and Industrials, with year-end sector overweights to Financials, Energy, and Communication Services, and underweights to Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology, Industrials, Utilities, Consumer Staples, and Health Care.

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