

# Portfolio Commentary

## Large Cap Value Equity

Q1 | 2020

### MARKET REVIEW

After a spectacular run in 2019, U.S. stocks started the year on rocky terrain, as coronavirus concerns mounted and began to weigh on companies that appeared vulnerable to potential global economic disruptions. In March, the gathering crisis exploded into a worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, derailing markets as governments around the globe closed businesses and shut down their economies with stay-at-home mandates. An oil price collapse exacerbated by a price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia further pressured economic and stock losses.

The Russell 1000® Value Index tumbled 26.73% in the quarter, falling across sectors. The steepest losses were in energy (-51.27%), consumer discretionary (-35.47%), and financials (-34.31%). The most defensive sectors were consumer staples (-12.45%), healthcare (-12.49%), and utilities (-14.17%). In this extreme climate, broad momentum drove stocks more than fundamentals, with large-cap stocks generally faring better than small-cap stocks.

### PERFORMANCE

For the quarter, the Ceredex Large Cap Value Equity Composite's return of -27.82%/-27.97% (gross/net) underperformed the Russell 1000 Value Index's return of -26.73%. Stock selection in the energy, industrials, and consumer discretionary sectors and an underweight position in consumer staples weighed the most on performance. Stock selection in the real estate, utilities, and financials sectors and an overweight position in information technology added the most to returns.

Progressive and Crown Castle International were the strongest stock contributors to relative performance.

- Auto insurer Progressive offered defensive attributes due to its competitive strength and industry-leading technology. Fewer people driving during the shutdown also meant lower accident frequency and severity exposures. We took advantage of the relative outperformance to sell our position, putting proceeds to work in stocks offering more favorable risk/reward valuations after the market selloff.
- REIT Crown Castle International, which provides cell towers and shared communications infrastructure across the U.S., outperformed the broader benchmark on its strong cash flows and the expanding need for greater network densification due to the continued growth in 5G demand. We added to our position during the quarter's price dips, based on the company's strong fundamentals and favorable outlook.

### PORTFOLIO

CHARACTERISTICS	Portfolio	Benchmark
Market Cap (\$b)	108.05	105.54
Dividend Yield (%)	2.84	3.39
Price-to-Earnings*	16.51x	12.55x
Price-to-Book	1.88x	1.48x
Price-to-Sales	1.37x	1.20x
Std. Dev. (3 yr) (%)	17.89	16.55
Alpha (3 yr) (%)	1.64	0.00
Beta (3 yr)	1.07	1.00
Std. Dev. (5 yr) (%)	15.73	14.71
Alpha (5 yr) (%)	0.93	0.00
Beta (5 yr)	1.05	1.00

\*P/E is calculated using trailing 12-month earnings.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	Average Weight	Relative Attribution
Progressive Corp.	3.30	1.18
Crown Castle International Corp.	3.58	0.83
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.59	0.74
Humana Inc.	3.72	0.71
Xilinx, Inc.	4.23	0.65
L3Harris Technologies Inc.	2.62	0.57
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	2.19	0.57
Abbott Laboratories	3.32	0.52
Microsoft Corp.	1.18	0.41
Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Co.	3.18	0.39

TOP DETRACTORS <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	Average Weight	Relative Attribution
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	1.79	-2.19
Boeing Co.	3.22	-2.08
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	2.96	-1.46
Marriott International, Inc. CL A	0.88	-0.73
Wells Fargo & Co.	4.45	-0.69
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	0.42	-0.56
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	0.08	-0.39
American International Group, Inc.	0.63	-0.34
Bank of America Corp.	4.65	-0.32
Emerson Electric Co.	1.94	-0.30

Relative attribution: excess return relative to the benchmark, limited to stocks held in the portfolio.

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup> (% of Portfolio)

Humana Inc.	5.00
NextEra Energy, Inc.	5.00
Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	4.92
Bank of America Corp.	4.82
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	4.78
Verizon Communications Inc.	4.56
Abbott Laboratories	4.47
Xilinx, Inc.	4.28
Crown Castle International Corp.	4.12
Wells Fargo & Co.	4.07

All data as of 3/31/20. Source: FactSet.

<sup>1</sup> See Holdings Disclosure on page 3.

<sup>2</sup> The contributors/detractors listed do not represent all securities purchased or sold for our clients. To obtain a list showing the contribution of each holding that contributed to overall performance during the quarter and the calculation methodology, please call 407-674-1270.

Diamondback Energy and Boeing were the largest stock detractors from relative performance.

- Hydrocarbon exploration company Diamondback Energy fell on the plummet in oil prices. We had become more bearish on the energy sector last quarter, reducing overall holdings but maintaining this firm, based on its position as a best-in-industry shale producer. However, with the segment's steep declines, we exited the stock.
- Aerospace company Boeing declined on the major disruptions facing the airline industry as a result of the pandemic, along with additional challenges around its troubled 737 MAX aircraft. The company also eliminated its dividend, and so we sold our position.

## PORTFOLIO CHANGES

We were very active in the portfolio during the quarter, both exiting stocks as well as adding a number of new holdings. The investment data inputs, modeling, and multiples we are assigning reflect the new market realities and has naturally led to a change in the stocks currently offering the most attractive potential. We are concentrating on companies most likely to emerge out of the crisis in relatively solid financial shape and that are well positioned to leverage and adapt their business models to thrive in the new normal.

We also remain firmly focused on the same three disciplined tenets that have guided our investment process since inception: 1) Does the stock pay a dividend? 2) Is the valuation attractive? 3) Is there a fundamental story? A negative change in any of these criteria results in removal from the portfolio, and has prompted several exits, particularly as many dividend payouts have come under intense pressure. This strict discipline has served our investors well over the long term in the past, and we expect it to continue to do so in today's tumultuous environment.

## PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (%) AS OF 3/31/20

	Quarter-end Sector Weights		Impact		
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Sector Weight	Stock Selection	Total
Communication Services	7.12	8.63	-0.18	0.23	0.05
Consumer Discretionary	1.01	5.17	0.12	-1.30	-1.18
Consumer Staples	3.72	10.59	-1.29	-0.06	-1.34
Energy	3.10	5.44	-0.41	-1.64	-2.04
Financials	14.13	21.33	0.30	0.82	1.13
Healthcare	19.17	15.53	0.38	-0.52	-0.14
Industrials	14.59	9.46	-0.28	-0.91	-1.18
Information Technology	15.44	6.81	1.20	-0.01	1.19
Materials	6.05	4.18	0.23	-0.06	0.18
Real Estate	8.99	5.08	0.14	1.11	1.26
Utilities	6.68	7.78	-0.36	0.43	0.07
<b>Total</b>			<b>-0.16</b>	<b>-1.91</b>	<b>-1.98</b>

Source: FactSet.

Performance attribution does not incorporate the effects of cash, unclassified securities, or expenses and may change at any time without notice. The total impact may not equal the difference between Portfolio and Benchmark returns.

## OUTLOOK

While it is unclear how long the current volatility may continue, we believe it should provide investors who have mid- to long-term time horizons an opportunity to invest in high-quality companies selling at levels not seen since the 2008 financial crisis. Nearer term, however, the timing and shape of any recovery will likely be determined by the COVID-19 virus, based on new case progression and the introduction of active testing, tracking, and, eventually, a vaccine.

With this in mind, we continue to analyze all of our holdings to assess the potential short- and long-term effects of the pandemic, recognizing that our job is to select and own companies with the strongest potential to weather this storm. The Ceredex investment team has been working together for more than 25 years and is experienced at navigating extreme volatility. Indeed, this is the fourth "black swan" event that many of us have experienced in our careers, and the lessons we've learned helps to inform and guide our decisions as we move through this new crisis.

## PERFORMANCE COMPARISON (%) AS OF 3/31/20

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Large Cap Value Equity Composite (Gross)	-27.82	-27.82	-14.87	-0.88	2.83	8.31
Large Cap Value Equity Composite (Net)	-27.97	-27.97	-15.51	-1.62	2.07	7.51
Russell 1000® Value Index	-26.73	-26.73	-17.17	-2.18	1.90	7.67
eVestment Alliance Large Cap Value Median*	-26.23	-26.23	-16.39	-1.50	2.32	7.93
# of Portfolios in Median Calculation	382	382	382	374	361	310

eVestment Alliance data capture date: 4/23/20

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LARGE CAP VALUE EQUITY COMPOSITE 7/1/98 – 3/31/20

Year	Gross of Fee Return (%)	Net of Fee Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion (%)	3-Year Standard Deviation		Total Composite Assets at End of Period (USD Millions)	Total Firm Assets (USD Millions)
						Composite	Benchmark		
2020 YTD	-27.82	-27.97	-26.73	14	0.29	17.89	16.55	1,945	6,005
2019	31.89	30.93	26.54	13	0.16	12.56	11.85	2,768	9,062
2018	-9.52	-10.2	-8.27	15	0.05	11.53	10.82	2,654	7,722
2017	17.12	16.26	13.66	24	0.25	10.71	10.2	3,765	10,095
2016	16.47	15.63	17.34	23	0.19	11.32	10.77	4,291	10,845
2015	-3.79	-4.51	-3.83	23	0.13	11.19	10.7	3,570	10,227
2014	12.09	11.26	13.45	20	0.14	9.29	9.2	4,078	12,269
2013	35.28	34.3	32.53	23	0.11	12.67	12.7	3,699	11,693
2012	17.18	16.31	17.51	22	0.21	15.71	15.51	3,189	8,740
2011	-0.83	-1.57	0.39	14	N/A	19.05	20.69	2,196	6,493
2010	19.27	18.39	15.51	7	0.25	21.39	23.18	1,411	4,691

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