

Portfolio Commentary

Mid-Cap Value Equity

Q2 | 2020

MARKET REVIEW

The second quarter saw U.S. stock markets rebounding from the prior quarter's steep sell-off. Investors' initial fears around the economic destruction due to COVID-19-forced shutdowns began to recede in response to massive U.S. monetary and fiscal stimulus actions. Healthcare workers also began to learn more about how to deal with the virus, and some states announced plans to reopen their economies.

Despite bleak unemployment and GDP numbers, investors took the more positive news as an indication that markets were oversold in the initial pandemic reaction, prompting a broad momentum snapback across stock valuations, led by higher-beta growth and small-cap stocks. However, the realities of the many uncertainties overhanging the market began to mute this risk rally toward the end of the quarter. Against this backdrop, the Russell Midcap® Value Index climbed 19.95%, with the strongest gains in the energy (+55.02%), consumer discretionary (+37.45%), and information technology (+26.51%) sectors, and the smallest gains in the utilities (+3.53%) and real estate (+12.41%) segments.

PERFORMANCE

For the quarter, the Ceredex Mid-Cap Value Equity Composite's return of 20.45%/20.24% (gross/net) outperformed the Russell Midcap Value Index's return of 19.95%. Stock selection in the consumer staples and consumer discretionary sectors and an overweight position in information technology added the most to performance. The biggest detractors were stock selection and an underweight position in energy, combined with stock selection in materials and communications services.

Energizer Holdings and Williams-Sonoma were the strongest stock contributors to relative performance.

- Battery manufacturer Energizer Holdings rallied on stronger-than-expected revenues, benefiting from stay-at-home mandates as consumers restocked on durable goods. It also saw green shoots in its recently acquired auto care business. We held our position as the company consists of a wide range of industry-leading brands that collectively continue to offer solid upside potential.
- Kitchenware and home furnishing retailer Williams-Sonoma outperformed on strong financial results. Although the company's stores were largely closed, its online business enjoyed breakout growth and continued acceleration. Williams-Sonoma has invested significantly in its online distribution, which now accounts for roughly 50% of overall earnings. We sold the stock once it reached our price target.

PORTFOLIO

CHARACTERISTICS	Portfolio	Benchmark
Market Cap (\$b)	21.41	13.89
Dividend Yield (%)	1.85	2.69
Price-to-Earnings*	21.12x	16.42x
Price-to-Book	2.42x	1.71x
Price-to-Sales	1.78x	1.16x
Std. Dev. (3 yr) (%)	21.53	20.92
Alpha (3 yr) (%)	2.27	0.00
Beta (3 yr)	1.02	1.00
Std. Dev. (5 yr) (%)	18.56	17.82
Alpha (5 yr) (%)	2.08	0.00
Beta (5 yr)	1.03	1.00

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

TOP

CONTRIBUTORS ^{1,2} (%)	Average Weight	Relative Attribution
Energizer Holdings Inc.	3.25	0.99
Williams-Sonoma, Inc.	0.77	0.54
BorgWarner Inc.	1.88	0.36
Xilinx, Inc.	3.40	0.35
KLA Corp.	2.65	0.33
Best Buy Co., Inc.	1.24	0.33
FLIR Systems, Inc.	1.63	0.29
Humana Inc.	2.05	0.28
Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	1.59	0.27
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	1.47	0.27

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DETRACTORS ^{1,2} (%)	Average Weight	Relative Attribution
FirstEnergy Corp.	3.30	-0.57
L3Harris Technologies Inc.	1.98	-0.39
Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.	0.38	-0.37
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	1.84	-0.37
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	3.82	-0.35
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd.	0.41	-0.30
Ameren Corp.	1.77	-0.29
CMS Energy Corp.	1.86	-0.26
Western Digital Corp.	0.78	-0.25
Progressive Corp.	2.43	-0.22

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

TOP 10 HOLDINGS¹ (% of Portfolio)

Xilinx, Inc.	4.52
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	4.27
Energizer Holdings Inc.	3.34
FirstEnergy Corp.	3.01
KLA Corp.	2.74
Progressive Corp.	2.73
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	2.73
BorgWarner Inc.	2.59
Medical Properties Trust, Inc.	2.39
Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Co.	2.29

All data as of 6/30/20. Source: FactSet.

¹ See Holdings Disclosure on page 3.

² 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.

FirstEnergy and L3Harris Technologies were the largest stock detractors from relative performance.

- Electric utility FirstEnergy lagged on muted returns across the utilities sector. The company has been transitioning away from commodity-exposed generation to a fully regulated utility play. We took advantage of price weakness to add to our position as we believe the changes it has made to its business will pay off with attractive earnings and dividend growth over the next several years.
- Defense contractor L3Harris Technologies underperformed on growing market expectations for a Democratic sweep in the November federal elections. This appears to be more about perceived threat versus actual risk, since there is no historical correlation between defense spending and the incumbent political party. We believe in the company's strong prospects after completing last year's powerhouse acquisition that combined information technology services provider Harris Corp. with sensor and night-vision equipment maker L3 Technologies, and we purchased more of the stock.

PORTFOLIO CHANGES

We added Kroger, Quest Diagnostics, and PerkinElmer as new holdings to the portfolio. In addition to exiting Williams-Sonoma (discussed above), we also sold Columbia Sportswear, Spirit AeroSystems, and Western Digital on announcements of dividend eliminations.

- Supermarket chain Kroger has continued to benefit from a greater share of consumers' wallets with people cooking at home more due to the COVID-19 constraints around restaurant dining.
- We bought clinical laboratory Quest Diagnostics and medical testing tool provider PerkinElmer on rising demand and their strong positions to help navigate and manage the pandemic.

PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (%) AS OF 6/30/20

	Quarter-end Sector Weights		Impact		
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Sector Weight	Stock Selection	Total
Communication Services	0.00	3.75	-0.19	-0.34	-0.52
Consumer Discretionary	6.47	11.24	-0.10	0.58	0.48
Consumer Staples	5.37	4.50	0.12	1.23	1.35
Energy	0.00	4.36	-0.72	-0.51	-1.23
Financials	13.31	15.48	-0.06	-0.14	-0.20
Healthcare	11.75	7.68	0.00	0.42	0.43
Industrials	14.74	16.45	0.10	-0.17	-0.07
Information Technology	22.23	9.75	0.72	0.02	0.74
Materials	4.69	6.66	0.03	-0.41	-0.37
Real Estate	8.10	11.06	0.45	0.25	0.71
Utilities	13.34	9.07	-0.13	-0.13	-0.26
Total			0.22	0.82	1.03

Source: FactSet.

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OUTLOOK

Our outlook remains dependent on the trajectory of the pandemic, as that will continue to shape any economic recovery. The good news is that there are now more therapeutics that appear to help lower death rates, a key metric the market is paying closer attention to than new cases alone, as well as positive signs in vaccine development. Still, there is a tremendous amount of investment uncertainty. Many companies have suspended any forward-looking guidance, and COVID-19 hospitalizations are also increasing across Sun Belt and western states. Add in a heating-up U.S. election cycle, and it is easy to see how volatility could quickly escalate.

Even so, we continue to find relatively attractive investment potential at current valuations, with a longer-term perspective in mind. Our emphasis is on companies that we believe are positioned to emerge from the pandemic in relatively solid financial shape and that are able to leverage and adapt their business models for the new normal. Our strict focus on dividends has also offered important insights into business health and management recovery outlooks. Throughout the crisis, these criteria have once again proven to be a very valuable component of our research process.

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON (%) AS OF 6/30/20

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Mid-Cap Value Equity Composite (Gross)	20.45	-20.42	-10.74	1.58	5.44	11.08
Mid-Cap Value Equity Composite (Net)	20.24	-20.73	-11.41	0.82	4.65	10.26
Russell Midcap® Value Index	19.95	-18.09	-11.81	-0.54	3.32	10.29
eVestment Alliance Midcap Value Median*	20.43	-18.36	-11.49	-0.48	3.23	10.09
# of Portfolios in Median Calculation	99	99	99	98	93	84

eVestment Alliance data capture date: 7/21/20

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MID-CAP VALUE EQUITY COMPOSITE 4/1/02 – 6/30/20

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	-20.42	-20.73	-18.09	7	N/A	21.53	20.92	3,491	6,974
2019	34.43	33.45	27.06	8	N/A	12.80	12.79	4,600	9,062
2018	-6.84	-7.54	-12.29	10	0.04	12.02	11.96	3,149	7,722
2017	12.75	11.91	13.34	11	0.14	11.55	10.32	3,664	10,095
2016	21.40	20.51	20.00	10	0.21	12.62	11.30	3,763	10,845
2015	-4.94	-5.65	-4.78	12	0.08	11.77	10.71	4,274	10,227
2014	12.26	11.33	14.75	12	0.06	10.83	9.81	5,027	12,269
2013	32.65	31.68	33.46	12	0.15	16.52	13.69	4,432	11,693
2012	23.07	22.15	18.51	9	N/A	20.63	16.76	2,857	8,740
2011	-6.31	-7.01	-1.38	4	N/A	23.75	22.78	1,940	6,493
2010	29.32	28.37	24.75	3	N/A	26.50	27.11	1,587	4,691

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- The benchmark for the Mid-Cap Value Strategy composite is the Russell Midcap® Value Index. The Russell Midcap® Value Index is an unmanaged index which measures the performance of those securities found in the Russell Midcap universe with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000® Value Index. The index is calculated on a total-return basis with dividends reinvested. Index returns do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses.
- The three-year annualized standard deviations for the composite and the benchmark index are calculated using monthly returns.
- Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.
- Beginning March 31, 2008, composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client initiated significant cash inflow or outflow of 10% or greater of portfolio assets.
- The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation across equal-weighted portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year. No dispersion is reported for periods with five or fewer portfolios (shown as N/A).
- Returns are calculated based on total return which (a) includes cash returns, realized and unrealized gains plus income; (b) utilizes trade date and accrual accounting; and (c) is after the deduction of actual trading fees and expenses. Portfolio returns are calculated utilizing daily valuation. Composite returns, calculated monthly, are the weighted average return of the underlying portfolios using beginning-of-period market values. Composite gross of fee returns do not reflect any deduction for investment advisory fees, custodial charges or other costs that a client might incur in connection with the management of an account. Composite net of fee performance is calculated assuming a fee of 0.75%, the highest fee for this type of investment account.
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