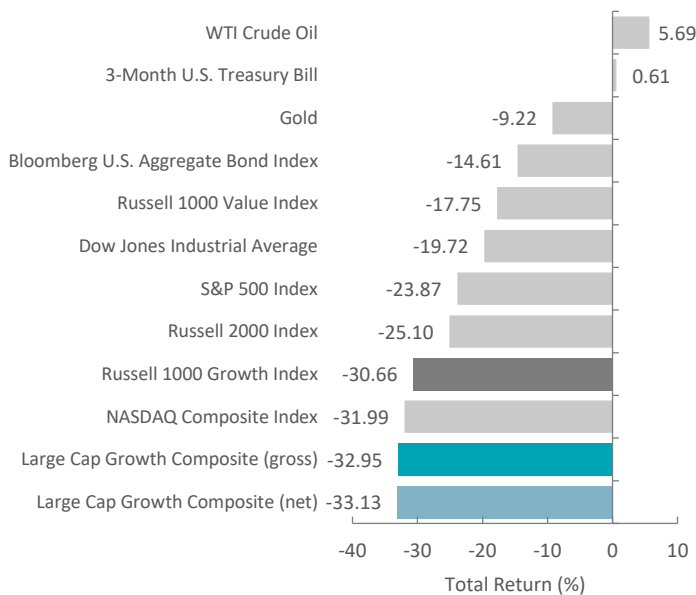


3Q 2022 Commentary

Markets Review

The U.S. equity market finished lower for the third consecutive quarter, as the S&P 500 Index fell 4.88% during the period, bringing its year-to-date return to -23.87%. Concurrently, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index dropped 4.75% for the quarter, bringing its year-to-date return to -14.61%. In terms of style, the Russell 1000 Growth Index outperformed its value counterpart by 2.02% during the quarter. Nevertheless, for the year-to-date period, the Russell 1000 Value Index has still outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by 12.91%.

Year-to-Date Returns



Sources: SS&C Advent, Bloomberg

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two-decade high, deepening concerns for the durability of U.S. export demand and causing some central banks such as the Bank of Japan to intervene and support their currency.

On the corporate earnings front, although 76% of the companies in the S&P 500 Index exceeded earnings expectations, 72 companies provided negative guidance, the most since the fourth quarter of 2019. The mixed signals highlight the continued backdrop of uncertainty heading into the last quarter of the year.

On a sector basis, nine out of eleven sectors within the Russell 1000 Growth Index finished lower for the quarter, with Real Estate, Communication Services and Consumer Staples posting the largest declines. Meanwhile, Consumer Discretionary, Energy and Financials declined the least.

With sustained levels of heightened inflation and continued tightening by the Federal Reserve, recessionary fears persisted throughout the period, as the U.S. economy contracted in both the first and second quarters of 2022. After setting a new 40-year high in June, the CPI remained elevated, recording an 8.3% rise for the year ended in August. Higher prices have weighed on consumers, as sentiment hit multi-year lows. However, the labor market remains tight with unemployment at 3.5% in September. During the first nine months of 2022, payroll employment rose 3.7 million to a record 152.9 million. In tandem, consumer spending during the first and second quarters increased 1.8% and 1.5%, respectively, on a quarter-over-quarter basis.

In response, the Federal Reserve raised the federal funds rate 0.75% in both July and September, moving the benchmark rate to a range of 3.00% to 3.25%, all while continuing to unwind its balance sheet. Restrictive monetary policy has perhaps most visibly impacted interest-rate sensitive sectors, in particular housing, as mortgage rates breached 7%—a 20-year high—and residential investment declined 14% year-over-year in the second quarter. Additionally, the U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) reached a



In geopolitical news, tensions between the U.S. and China flared up as Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan despite protests from the Chinese deputy foreign minister. The worsening relations with China, combined with the ongoing war in Ukraine, continued to stoke concerns surrounding further geopolitical disruption, inflation and the outlook for global economic activity.

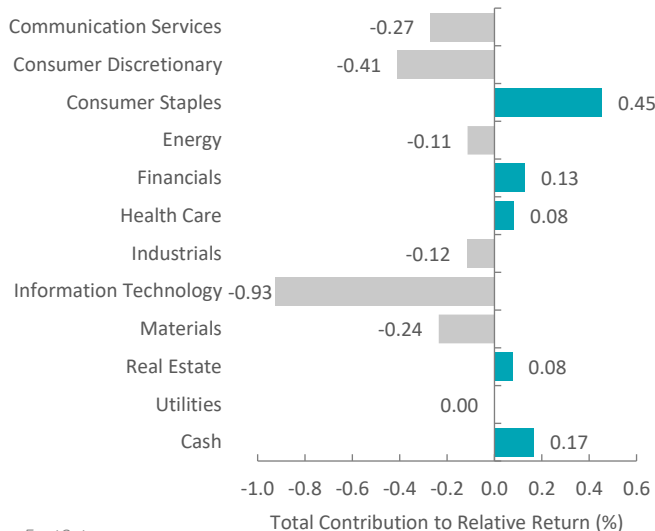
Performance and Attribution Summary

For the third quarter of 2022, Aristotle Atlantic’s Large Cap Growth Composite posted a total return of -4.87% gross of fees (-4.95% net of fees), underperforming the -3.60% total return of the Russell 1000 Growth Index. Since its inception on November 1, 2016, the Large Cap Growth Composite has posted an annualized return of 13.67% gross of fees (13.23% net of fees), while the Russell 1000 Growth Index has reported a total return of 14.40%.

| Performance (%) | 3Q22 | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | Since Inception* |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Large Cap Growth Composite (gross) | -4.87 | -32.95 | -27.38 | 8.07 | 11.17 | 13.67 |
| Large Cap Growth Composite (net) | -4.95 | -33.13 | -27.64 | 7.65 | 10.73 | 13.23 |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index | -3.60 | -30.66 | -22.59 | 10.66 | 12.16 | 14.40 |

**The Large Cap Growth Composite has an inception date of November 1, 2016. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Aristotle Atlantic Large Cap Growth Equity Composite returns are presented gross and net of investment advisory fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net returns are presented net of actual investment advisory fees and after the deduction of all trading expenses. Aristotle Atlantic Composite returns are preliminary pending final account reconciliation. Please see important disclosures at the end of this document.*

Total Contribution to Relative Return by Sector versus Russell 1000 Growth Index Third Quarter 2022



Source: FactSet

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During the third quarter, the portfolio’s underperformance relative to the Russell 1000 Growth Index was due to security selection and allocation effects. Security selection in Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary and Materials detracted the most from relative performance. Conversely, security selection in Consumer Staples and Financials, as well as an overweight in Health Care, contributed the most to relative returns.

Contributors and Detractors for 3Q 2022

| Relative Contributors | Relative Detractors |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Darling Ingredients | ServiceNow |
| O'Reilly Automotive | Bio-Techne |
| Guardant Health | Ball |
| Sage Therapeutics | Tenable Holdings |
| DexCom | Adaptive Biotechnologies |

CONTRIBUTORS

Darling Ingredients

Darling Ingredients was a relative contributor in the third quarter, bouncing back from weakness at the end of the prior quarter. The company reported, what we view as, solid second quarter earnings and gave positive guidance on future renewal diesel trends. The Energy sector was up in the third quarter, which also provided a tailwind to Darling’s energy operations.



O'Reilly Automotive

O'Reilly Automotive outperformed the Consumer Discretionary sector because its business is expected to be more resilient in an economic downturn. The company's second quarter earnings were slightly below consensus estimates; however, the outlook for the rest of the year showed steady growth despite difficult comparisons with the second half of 2021. O'Reilly Automotive continues to grow its store base and has recently announced an expansion into Mexico. The company operates in an industry where competition has historically remained rational through the economic cycle.

DETRACTORS

ServiceNow

Underperformance in the third quarter can be attributed to ServiceNow's slight miss on the second quarter earnings and guidance that was lower than expected for its third quarter outlook. The company is facing headwinds from the weaker macroeconomic conditions and a tempered outlook resulting from elongated sales cycles and an overall slowing software spending environment. These worsening conditions were highlighted by many software companies during the second quarter earnings season. We expect this to be temporary for ServiceNow where the long-term thesis of the company's platform strategy and relevance to digital transformation strategies remains intact. The stock was also impacted by the rapid increase in interest rates during the third quarter and the resulting contraction of multiples on high-growth software stocks.

Bio-Techne

Bio-Techne shares were weak in the third quarter. The company reported results in line with consensus with 14% organic revenue growth. We believe part of the decline is attributable to the rise in U.S. Treasury yields, which tends to have an outsized negative impact on high-valuation growth stocks. Bio-Techne continues to execute on the diverse aspects of its growth plans. We believe that Bio-Techne continues to be in an enviable position of manufacturing high performance research and diagnostic tools and supplies to the biopharmaceutical industry.

Recent Portfolio Activity

The table below shows all buys and sells completed during the quarter, followed by a brief rationale.

| Buy | Sell |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| UnitedHealth Group | Ball |
| | Salesforce |
| | Global Payments |

BUY

UnitedHealth Group

UnitedHealth Group is a leading U.S. health insurer offering a variety of plans and services to group and individual customers nationwide. Its health benefits segment manages health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization and point-of-service plans, as well as Medicare, Medicaid, state-funded, and supplemental vision and dental options. In addition, UnitedHealth Group's Optum health services units—OptumHealth, OptumInsight and OptumRx—provide wellness and care management programs, financial services, information technology solutions, and pharmacy benefit management services to individuals and the health care industry.

We believe UnitedHealth Group is well-positioned as a leader in commercial and government insurance markets with a broad complimentary service offering through Optum Health. As one of the largest health care payers and providers, we believe the company has unique insights and scale to continue to evolve the health care delivery process and drive above industry profitability and growth. We believe UnitedHealth Group's track record of financial strength and stability warrants a premium in share valuation.

SELL

Ball

We sold Ball following a very disappointing second quarter earnings and outlook that has caused us to reevaluate the long-term growth potential of the North American beverage can market. The competitive environment appears to have increased more quickly than management has anticipated. We believe it is prudent to sell the entire position as Ball is forced to



reevaluate its growth strategy and shift its capital deployments. Market conditions in North America could spread to other global markets over the next couple of years.

Salesforce

We sold Salesforce to reduce our weighting in the Information Technology sector. Salesforce held their investor day, and the company reiterated their organic Fiscal Year 2026 revenue target of \$50 billion. This target remains more back-end loaded based on current slowing macroeconomic conditions and requires new annual contract growth well ahead of what the company has been averaging for the past few years. We are skeptical that the company will be able to achieve this revenue target organically and see Merger & Acquisitions (M&A) being key to achieving the growth. While we believe Salesforce has shown good success in growing its non-CRM clouds, we do see more competitive pressures emerging for the Marketing and Customer Service Clouds, specifically on the pricing side during a global economic slowdown.

Global Payments

We sold Global Payments to reduce our weighting in the Information Technology sector. The company has benefited from the post-COVID-19 recovery in consumer spending, but we see the emerging macroeconomic headwinds in the U.S. and Europe as a risk to the company's topline growth outlook. Almost 70% of the business is related to consumer spending and the number of payment transactions. The company has approximately 15% revenue exposure to Europe and recently announced an acquisition of EVO Payments which has ~40% European exposure. We view the outlook for the European consumer and Small- and Medium-Sized Business (SMB) environment as having turned more negative and as Global Payments continues to face a strong competitive environment from new fintech payment companies. We believe it was prudent to reduce our exposure to payment processors.

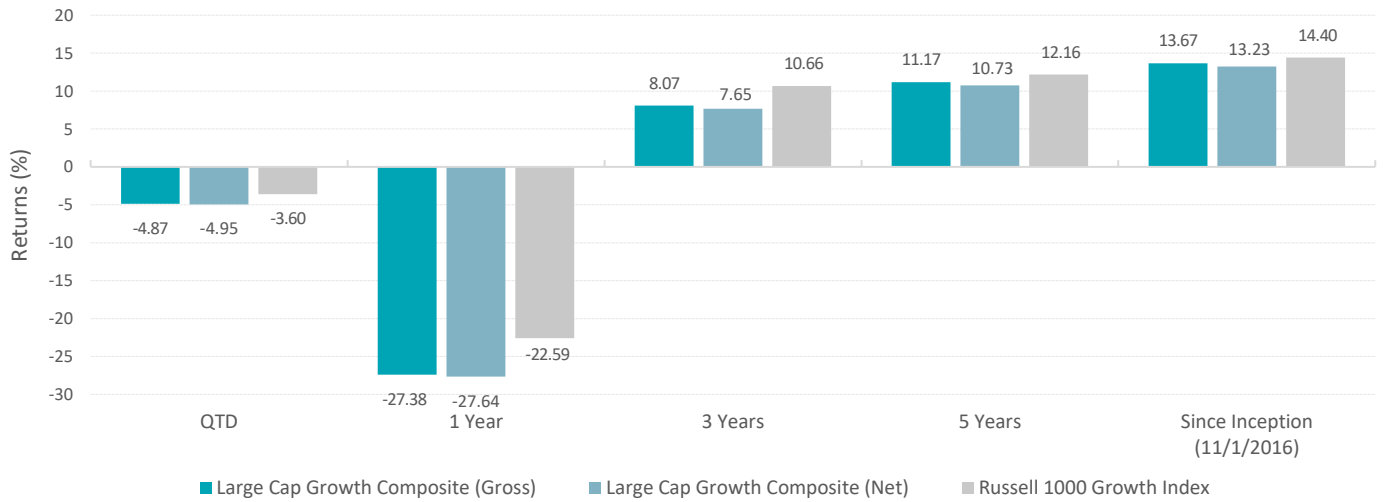
Outlook

With the S&P 500 Index now trading at 15x forward earnings we believe the multiple compression is reflected in current equity market valuation levels. The market focus has now shifted to the reduction in earnings estimates to reflect the expectations of a recession. This can impact the cyclical sectors compared to the growth sectors, feeling the brunt of the multiple contraction. International markets will likely continue to struggle with the sizable rise in commodity prices along with a stronger U.S. dollar adding to their woes. If there are any credit issues it may very well show in either emerging markets or Europe. The two most important economic indicators we will be focused on are weekly unemployment insurance claims and the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Federal Reserve will likely continue to tighten until the tight labor markets ease. We believe the equity markets should rally on any material uptick in unemployment claims or a CPI that comes in below the consensus survey. Russia's response to Ukraine's recent success in regaining territory could also weigh heavily on markets in the fourth quarter. Our focus will continue to be at the company level, with an emphasis on companies with secular tailwinds or strong product driven cycles.



Aristotle Large Cap Growth Composite Performance

All Periods Ended September 30, 2022



| Year | Large Cap Growth Composite (Gross %) | Large Cap Growth Composite (Net %) | Russell 1000 Growth Index (%) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2022 YTD | -32.95 | -33.13 | -30.66 |
| 2021 | 22.13 | 21.67 | 27.60 |
| 2020 | 42.97 | 42.40 | 38.49 |
| 2019 | 37.29 | 36.73 | 36.39 |
| 2018 | -0.93 | -1.34 | -1.51 |
| 2017 | 29.53 | 28.99 | 30.21 |
| 11/1/16 – 12/31/16 | 3.49 | 3.49 | 3.44 |

Composite returns for all periods ended September 30, 2022 are preliminary pending final account reconciliation.

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