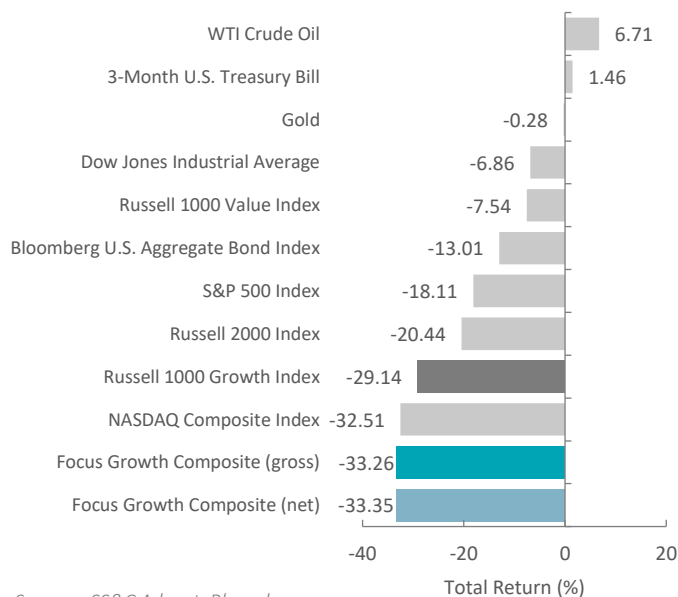


4Q 2022 Commentary

Markets Review

U.S. equity market performance was positive in the final quarter of the year, as the S&P 500 Index rose 7.56% during the period. Concurrently, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index increased 1.87% for the quarter. In terms of style, the Russell 1000 Value Index outperformed its growth counterpart by 10.22% during the quarter.

Year-to-Date Returns



Sources: SS&C Advent, Bloomberg

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Fed has indicated that, given the current labor market and its 2% inflation target, there is still more work to be done from a monetary policy standpoint. As such, apprehension around a recession remains; however, the Fed's decision to step down from 0.75% increases and the weakening dollar alleviated some of those concerns heading into the new year.

On the corporate earnings front, signals remained mixed, as 70% of S&P 500 companies exceeded EPS estimates, while 61% of S&P 500 companies provided negative EPS guidance for the third quarter. In addition, management teams have continued to navigate the inflationary environment, with roughly 400 companies mentioning inflation on earnings calls.

On a sector basis, nine out of eleven sectors within the Russell 1000 Growth Index finished higher for the quarter, with Utilities, Industrials and Health Care gaining the most. Meanwhile, Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services posted the largest declines and Information Technology rose the least.

Inflation has remained elevated in the U.S., with a 7.1% rise in the CPI for the 12-month period ending in November. However, increases have slowed since the second half of the year, as the annualized CPI figure has come down steadily since reaching a 40-year high of 9.1% in June. This moderation in price increases was partly driven by falling energy costs, as average U.S. gasoline prices approached \$3 a gallon—lows not seen since before Russia invaded Ukraine. When assessing consumer health, spending proved resilient and the labor market remained tight, with a 3.7% unemployment rate and a 5.1% year-over-year increase in average hourly earnings in November. With respect to the U.S. economy's overall performance, investors welcomed news that GDP grew at an annual rate of 3.2% in the third quarter following two consecutive quarters of contraction.

As inflation trended lower, the Federal Reserve (Fed) slowed the pace of rate increases to 0.5% in December after raising rates by 0.75% for the fourth consecutive time in November, moving the benchmark rate to a range of 4.25% to 4.50%. Although the magnitude of rate hikes has shifted down, the



Lastly, in U.S. politics, the Republican Party won a majority in the House of Representatives, while the Democratic Party retained control of the Senate after the 2022 midterm elections. The results end one-party control of Congress for the remainder of the Biden administration’s first term.

Annual Markets Review

After posting seven consecutive quarters of positive performance prior to 2022, the U.S. equity market faltered, as the S&P 500 Index finished lower for the first three quarters of the year, leading to a full-year return of -18.11%. Additionally, after five straight calendar years of growth outperforming value, the Russell 1000 Value Index outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by 21.60%, the largest outperformance by value since 2000.

Meanwhile, despite fixed income’s tendency to provide stability when equities are turbulent, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index fell 13.01%—its worst year on record. 2022 easily surpassed the Index’s previous worst year, when it declined 2.92% in 1994 as inflation and the corresponding interest rate environment remained primary themes. Macroeconomic headlines were dominated by inflation, while factors such as geopolitical conflict, supply-chain disruptions, labor shortages and increasing commodity and housing prices also played a role.

Although it was a challenging year, these volatile periods are precisely why we emphasize the phrase, “not every quarter, not every year.” Short-term returns are always subject to change, and macroeconomic factors such as inflation, central bank policies and geopolitical conflicts are impossible to predict. Consequently, we remain focused on the long-term fundamentals of businesses, and we strive to identify undervalued, high-quality companies that can weather the complex and changing market dynamics. We believe this steadfast approach will allow us to provide lasting long-term value to our clients.

Performance and Attribution Summary

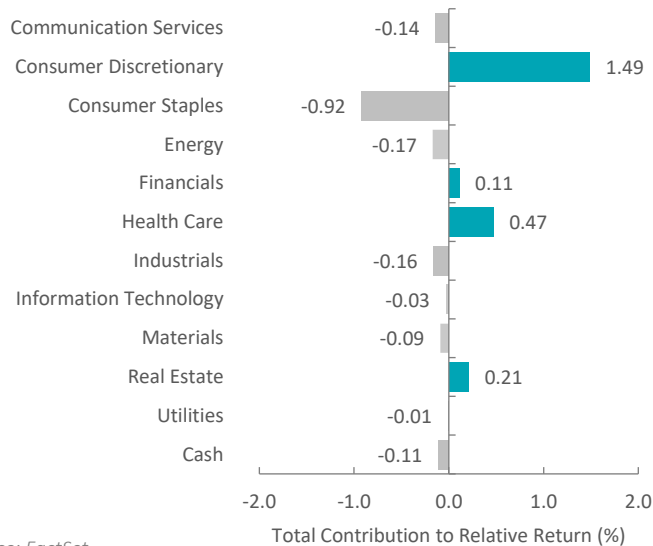
For the fourth quarter of 2022, Aristotle Atlantic’s Focus Growth Composite posted a total return of 2.66% net of fees (2.68% gross of fees), outperforming the 2.20% total return of the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

Performance (%)	4Q22	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception*
Focus Growth Composite (gross)	2.68	-33.26	5.01	7.99
Focus Growth Composite (net)	2.66	-33.35	4.92	7.72
Russell 1000 Growth Index	2.20	-29.14	7.78	10.38

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



Source: FactSet

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During the fourth quarter, the portfolio’s outperformance relative to the Russell 1000 Growth Index was due to security selection and allocation effects. Security selection in Consumer Discretionary, and Real Estate and an underweight in Consumer Discretionary contributed the most to performance. Conversely, security selection in Consumer Staples and Communication Services, as well as an underweight in Industrials, detracted the most from relative results.

Contributors and Detractors for 4Q 2022

Relative Contributors	Relative Detractors
Horizon Therapeutics	Guardant Health
Dexcom	Iovance Biotherapeutics
Visa	CrowdStrike Holdings
Apple	Amazon
AMETEK	Darling Ingredients

CONTRIBUTORS

Horizon Therapeutics

Horizon Therapeutic was a relative contributor, as its stock price was up on news that Amgen was acquiring the company for \$116.50 per share, a roughly 36% premium to the pre-deal speculation price.

Dexcom

Dexcom shares were strong following a solid third quarter earnings announcement as well as news of additional Medicare reimbursement and that the FDA has approved their next generation device, G7, in early December.

DETRACTORS

Guardant Health

Guardant shares were weak following the release of the pivotal Eclipse trial in over 20,000 patients to evaluate performance of its blood-based test, Shield, for detecting colorectal cancer (CRC) in average-risk adults. Sensitivity was 83%, marginally below investor expectations of 85%. Detection of advanced adenomas (AA) came in at 13% which was lower than the 20% update that took the stock down previously. We believe, as does the company, that the results are sufficient to gain FDA approval for the minimally invasive blood screening test and to capture a meaningful share of the 49 million average-risk adults who are recommended for screening and yet are still not screened.

Iovance Biotherapeutics

Iovance shares were weak in the quarter due to the company’s announcement that they were delaying the completion of their Biologics Licensing Application filing from the end of the fourth quarter of 2022 to the end of the first quarter of 2023.



Recent Portfolio Activity

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

Buys	Sells
KLA	Twilio
	Snowflake

BUYS

KLA

KLA is a supplier of process control equipment and data analytics products for a broad range of industries, including semiconductors, printed circuit boards (PCB) and displays. It provides solutions for manufacturing and testing wafers and reticles, integrated circuits (IC or chip), packaging, light-emitting diodes (LED), power devices, compound semiconductor devices, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), data storage, PCBs, flat and flexible panel displays, and general materials research, as well as providing contracted and comprehensive installation and maintenance services across its installed base. Customers in international markets account for about 90% of the company's revenue.

We see a unique opportunity in KLA to benefit from the increasing complexity of semiconductor wafer manufacturing through its leading position in process technology and wafer inspection. We believe Wafer Fab Equipment (WFE) spending will continue to rise over the next decade, as semiconductor capital intensity remains elevated and as semiconductors continue to account for a larger share of the global economy due to the above average growth of IoT devices, auto electrification, data center and cloud computing, and mobile communication/computing. We see the stock as an attractive investment opportunity, as investor expectations for 2023 have been reset at lower levels following WFE capital expenditures (CapEx) cuts by foundries and semiconductor companies.

SELLS

Twilio

We sold Twilio and thereby reduced our subsector weight in software. The company reported a decent third quarter, but disappointed on fourth quarter 2022, full year 2023, and long-term guidance. The company is seeing macroeconomic headwinds and a slowdown spreading from technology, social media and cryptocurrency to retail and e-commerce. The other negative disclosure and a driver of this gross margin "miss" was that Twilio's software sales are not accelerating at the rate that we expected. We are disappointed with this lower topline and low operating margin improvement guidance. The business transformation is taking longer than expected, and there is the heightened possibility that the new software growth could be stifled by more formidable competition as Twilio has made too many missteps.

Snowflake

We sold Snowflake and thereby reduced our subsector weight in software. We see risks to the consumption model from further spending cuts and rationalizations across their core verticals which include finance, technology and media. These three verticals have contributed to the weaknesses in the digital advertising space. We have increasing concerns that even the company's conservative Fiscal Year 2023 guidance for revenue growth could now be pressured, as customer spending cuts have accelerated.

Outlook

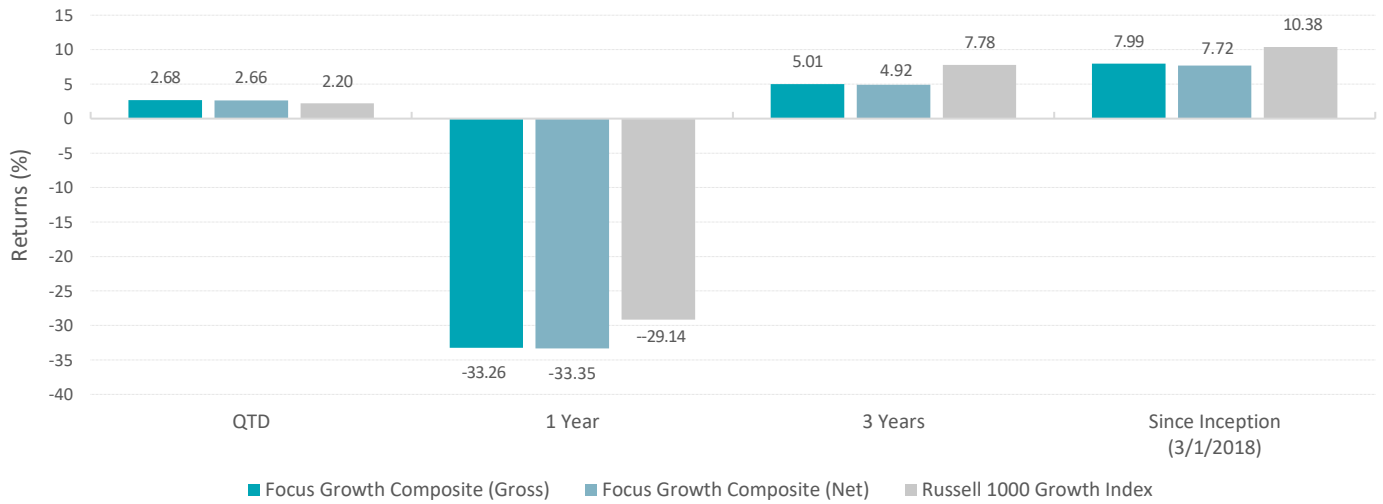
The focus for equity investors going into 2023 will be the potential for an economic recession and the corresponding impact on corporate profits. Although inflation may have peaked, the Federal Reserve will potentially look to continue to raise interest rates and reduce their balance sheet in an effort to cool the labor market. One of the key statistics tracking the labor market is the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS), which has started to show signs of softening, with the number of job openings declining from recent highs. The gap between job openings and people looking for work still stands at an elevated ratio of 1.7 as of October 2022. With the labor market still tight, the Federal Reserve will most likely raise interest rates another two to three times in 2023 with the potential for the federal funds rate to peak at 5.00% to 5.25%. Although the federal funds futures point to the potential for a pivot into an easing cycle, the most likely scenario is for the Federal Reserve to take a wait-and-see approach once they are done raising interest rates. This can create an uncertain economic



environment for at least the first half of 2023. On a positive note, the price of goods may likely continue to decline as many of the issues around tight supply chain have eased. The pace of decline in the price of goods could very well be delayed or lessened by the spike in COVID-19 cases in China. As we approach the second half of the year, the debt ceiling could add to equity market volatility, as we now have a split party government. Lastly, the uncertain outcome and potential for escalation in Ukraine on the part of Russia may, at times, unsettle markets. The equity market will most likely struggle at the start of 2023, as investors weigh the economic impact of an aggressive tightening cycle. Once the Federal Reserve signals the end of the tightening cycle, we should expect a sizable rally in equity markets. Our focus will continue to be at the company level, with an emphasis on seeking to invest in companies with secular tailwinds or strong product-driven cycles.



Aristotle Focus Growth Composite Performance All Periods Ended December 31, 2022



Year	Focus Growth Composite (Gross %)	Focus Growth Composite (Net %)	Russell 1000 Growth Index (%)
2022	-33.26	-33.35	-29.14
2021	22.38	22.29	27.60
2020	41.80	41.70	38.49
2019	37.59	36.92	36.39
3/1/18 – 12/31/18	-8.97	-9.37	-5.55

Composite returns for all periods ended December 31, 2022 are preliminary pending final account reconciliation.

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