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Columbia Integrated US Large Cap Growth SMA Strategy

Performance

The Columbia Integrated US Large Cap Growth SMA Composite returned 15.86% pure gross of fees and 15.03% net of fees for the quarter ending December 31, 2023. The strategy's benchmark Russell 1000 Growth Index returned 14.16% for the same period.

Market overview

At the start of the quarter, markets were grappling with how policy makers would balance the pros and cons of a seemingly vibrant economy. A steady series of data points painted a picture of a resilient consumer, stable labor market and a growing economy. A higher-for-longer mantra took hold regarding interest rates, and the markets drifted from mid-year highs toward correction territory.

But inflation continued to cool, and the U.S. Federal Reserve chose to leave rates unchanged at its November meeting, and — critically — released projections that implied 75 basis points of easing next year. This implication caused a sudden and significant reversal in both equity and bond markets. The yield on 10-year Treasuries, which had briefly breached 5%, quickly retreated, ending the year below 4%, and 30-year mortgage rates dropped from over 8% to less than 7%. Equities also rallied, with the S&P 500 Index posting an almost 6% gain that week to start a streak of nine consecutive weekly gains through the end of the year.

Average annual total returns (%) for period ending 12/31/2023

	Inception	3-mon.	1-year	Since inception
Columbia Integrated US Large Cap Growth SMA Composite (pure gross)	12/31/2021	15.86	41.93	3.15
Columbia Integrated US Large Cap Growth SMA Composite (net)		15.03	37.85	0.10
Russell 1000 Growth Index		14.16	42.68	0.55

Source: Columbia Management Capital Advisers.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Composite returns reflect the reinvestment of income and capital gains, and periods over one year are annualized. Pure gross of fees performance does not include trading costs, management fees, or other expenses that would be incurred by a participant portfolio, but does reflect the expenses of any underlying fund and ETF investments. Net of fees performance reflects deduction of the maximum annual wrap fee of 3%. Investors should contact their financial advisor or program sponsor for fees applicable to their account. Please see the GIPS report for more information.

Data prior to December 16, 2021 represents results achieved while the investment management team was affiliated with a different firm. The investment management team and investment process utilized have remained substantially the same following the integration of the team within Columbia Management Capital Advisers; therefore the results from the prior firm are linked to the results at Columbia Management Capital Advisers.

During the quarter, the advance in U.S. equities was both strong and broad. The S&P 500 Index returned 11.69%, the largest quarterly gain since 2020, ending the year just shy of its all-time high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and Nasdaq composite did even better, rallying more than 13% each, with the former closing 2023 at an all-time high. Small-cap stocks, which had lagged their large-cap counterparts earlier in the year, rose swiftly in December, with the Russell 2000 Index gaining 14.03% in the last quarter compared to a 11.96% gain for the large-cap Russell 1000 Index. Growth stocks benefited more from the change in the interest rate outlook, and the Russell 1000 Growth Index gained 14.16% compared to the Russell 1000 Value Index's still respectable gain of 9.50%.

All sectors except energy posted strong positive returns for the quarter. Those that were geared toward declining interest rates, including real estate, financials and information technology, did particularly well. The more defensive health care and consumer staples sectors had lower but still material positive returns. Despite the war in the Middle East following Hamas' attack on Israel, Brent oil prices fell by nearly 20% amid slowing global demand and robust supply. This resulted in the energy sector lagging the rest of the market.

Quarterly portfolio recap

U.S. large-cap equities, as measured by the Russell 1000 Index, finished the quarter up 11.96%. Growth outperformed value, as the Russell 1000 Growth Index returned 14.16% and the Russell 1000 Value Index returned 9.50%. The Columbia Integrated US Large Cap Growth strategy outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index in the fourth quarter.

Positive security selection contributed to relative performance, while sector allocation detracted from relative results. The strategy's underweight positions in consumer staples and consumer discretionary added to relative performance, while an overweight in health care and underweight in information technology detracted from relative performance. Stock selection was strongest in information technology and consumer discretionary, while stock selection detracted the most in consumer staples and financials. Top individual contributors to relative performance for the quarter included Advanced Micro Devices and Expedia, while top detractors from relative performance included positions Yeti and AutoZone.

Outlook

After inflation made its fast and furious appearance about two years ago, markets were consumed by a series of worries — first stagflation, then a potential recession triggered by the Fed's restrictive policies. However, standing where we are now, the Fed seems to have pulled off a miracle — a soft landing. Inflation seems to be cooling, the economy is humming along and the threat of recession seems to have been postponed, if not averted. The markets are eagerly counting down the days to a rate cut, although risks remain. The full impact of interest rate increases is yet to fully percolate into different parts of the economy and will continue to do so at different rates. Additionally, in an election year, government policy will be an important focus for the markets and ongoing wars have the potential to move markets, particularly if they escalate. On the positive side, we will continue to watch the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on different industries. As the implications of AI adoption across the economy become clearer, they could contribute to increasing market breadth as less-obvious beneficiaries with the right strategy begin to share in the gains. Finally, so far, both the resolution of supply chain constraints and the drop in oil prices have been fortuitous in helping control inflation. However, with simmering geopolitical tensions, we might see them reverse.

At the company level, we continue to view this environment as favorable for our investment philosophy. In a more economically challenging, higher interest rate regime, companies that can execute on their strategies, post solid earnings, strong margins and generate abundant cash flow will continue to be rewarded. Our philosophy of focusing collectively on strong fundamentals, attractive valuation and positive sentiment should put us in good stead in selecting stocks.

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Reporting Currency: USD

Statement of Performance Results

Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of-fees Return (%) (Supplemental)	Net-of-fees Return (%)	Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Index 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Portfolios	Total Composite Assets (mil.)	Total Firm Assets (mil.)
2022	-25.03	-27.31	-29.14	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	≤ 5	5.32	2,101.82

Annualized Trailing Performance as of December 31, 2022

Period	Pure Gross-of-fees Return (%) (Supplemental)	Net-of-fees Return (%)	Index Return (%)
Inception	-25.03	-27.31	-29.14

Inception Date: December 31, 2021

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3. The strategy invests in large-cap equity securities and strives to maintain a moderate amount of tracking error to the benchmark (3-5%). The strategy is designed to outperform the benchmark over full market cycles while maintaining moderate risk controls. Since inception, Separately Managed (WRAP) accounts represent 100% of the composite assets. The benchmark is the Russell 1000® Growth Index. The composite was created January 1, 2022.
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6. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the pure gross-of-fees composite and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not required to be presented when a full three years of performance is not yet available.
7. Portfolios are valued and composite returns are calculated and stated in U.S. dollars. Returns are calculated gross of non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends, interest, and capital gains. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports, as well as the list of composite descriptions are available upon request.
8. The following fee schedule represents the maximum wrap fee that a sponsor may charge clients seeking investment management services in the designated strategy: 3.00%. The following statement demonstrates, with a hypothetical example, the compound effect fees have on investment return: a 3% annual wrap fee deducted monthly from an account with a 5-year annualized growth rate of 6% will produce a cumulative pure gross return of 33.8% and the cumulative net of fee result of 15.2%.
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