

## COLUMBIA SELECT LARGE CAP EQUITY STRATEGY

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### Performance

- The Columbia Select Large Cap Equity strategy returned -5.19% pure gross of fees and -5.92% net of fees for the quarter ending September 30, 2022.
- Its benchmark, the S&P 500 Index, returned -4.88% for the same period.
- In sector terms, selection within communication services, health care and industrials led positive contributions to relative performance. Selection within information technology, financials and consumer staples weighed on the strategy's performance relative to the benchmark.

### Market overview

The U.S. equity market lost ground in the third quarter, continuing the downtrend from the first six months of the year. The quarter began on a positive note, with a rally that lasted through the first half of August. During this time, investors appeared to grow increasingly optimistic that the U.S. Federal Reserve would pivot toward a more accommodative policy. However, subsequent comments from Chairman Jerome Powell — together with a stronger-than-expected inflation report in early September — made it clear that the central bank would continue to raise interest rates aggressively. The Fed raised rates by three-quarters of a point twice during the quarter to bring its benchmark fed funds rate to a range of 3.0% to 3.25%, up from 0% to 0.25% at the beginning of 2022. A broad assortment of external factors further contributed to the weakness in sentiment, including the emergence of an energy crisis in Europe, continued COVID-19 lockdowns in China and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Unusual volatility in the global currency and fixed-income markets was an additional source of disruption in the latter half of September. Together, these developments raised concerns about the potential for a slowdown in global growth and a concurrent decline in corporate earnings.

### Average annual total returns (%) for period ending September 30, 2022

	Inception	3-mon.	1-year	3-year	Since inception
Columbia Select Large Cap Equity SMA composite (pure gross)	12/31/2018	-5.19	-15.09	9.08	12.27
Columbia Select Large Cap Equity SMA composite (net)		-5.92	-17.64	5.87	8.98
S&P 500 Index		-4.88	-15.47	8.16	—

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The S&P 500 index returned -4.88% for the quarter. Within the Index, only the consumer discretionary and energy sectors finished the quarter in positive territory, while communication services and real estate were the biggest laggards, posting losses.

### **Quarterly portfolio recap**

In sector terms, selection within information technology and communication services weighed most heavily on the strategy's performance relative to the benchmark. Selection within real estate and energy was most additive to relative performance.

Within information technology, leading detractors included design software company Adobe, digital workflow platform ServiceNow, and chipmaker Nvidia. Shares of Adobe dropped after the company announced the acquisition of Figma, a software application that enables online collaborative design. The market reacted negatively to the price paid for Figma given the uncertain macro backdrop, and questions arose about Adobe's underlying growth trajectory. We continue to believe Adobe has a strong product channel with a good growth opportunity going forward. We also think it is likely that over time the integration of Figma will prove to be significantly accretive to Adobe's earnings and expand the company's growth avenues. ServiceNow underperformed significantly after the CEO referenced longer deal cycles in a cable news network interview. This has been a common theme among software companies, and ServiceNow's earnings do not suggest that the company is being affected any more than its peers. With respect to Nvidia, softening macro conditions have led to an inventory correction across certain semiconductor end markets. The company pre-announced lower-than-expected second-quarter-results and significantly reduced guidance for gaming end market revenue for the upcoming quarter, although other end markets have remained relatively resilient. While the highly cyclical semiconductor group is facing negative earnings revisions, we believe Nvidia remains one of the best positioned companies in the group.

Within communication services, Comcast shares lagged after the company reported softer broadband net additions in the quarter. Management indicated that this trend could remain in place for at least another quarter, as macro trends including a slowing housing market were impacting turnover in broadband subscriptions and Comcast's ability to take market share. AT&T was another notable detractor after lowering cash flow guidance for the year based on more extended billing cycles. The company views the uptick in late customer payments as expected, as the health of the consumer has weakened with high inflation and does not expect this to be a lasting trend.

On the positive side, within real estate, Extra Space Storage has continued to exhibit strong pricing growth and occupancy trends. We believe the company's ongoing expansion into new locations will support future growth.

Within energy, ConocoPhillips outperformed after announcing plans to increase its capital return to shareholders for the year. The company has displayed capital discipline while continuing to benefit from high oil prices and a quality asset base.

Within health care, leading contributors included medical device companies Boston Scientific and Stryker, as well as pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly. Shares of Boston Scientific outperformed on good second-quarter results with revenue growth that was better than expected. The company raised organic growth guidance based on its first-half performance and easing of some supply chain pressures. Stryker also outperformed after reporting a good second quarter and raising its organic growth guidance for the year. Volumes with respect to procedures utilizing Stryker's equipment continued to improve in the quarter, and the company's order book remains strong despite macro challenges. Shares of Eli Lilly were boosted, as competitor Biogen reported trial results for its Alzheimer's drug that showed significant slowing in disease progression. Eli Lilly has a similar drug in development, and the results from Biogen bode well for its efficacy.

### **Outlook**

Increasingly restrictive Fed policy leading to higher interest rates has pressured the market and created some pockets of economic weakness, most notably in housing demand. At the same time, persistent high inflation has stressed many consumers, although this has been partly offset by strong employment and wage growth. We will be monitoring the upcoming earnings season for additional indicators of slowing economic growth. We will also be closely watching the Fed's trajectory as it seeks to rein in inflation without sending the economy into a deep recession.

While seeking to construct a portfolio that can be resilient to a range of economic outcomes, we continue to focus on stock selection as the driver of returns. In so doing, we seek a combination of certain characteristics that we believe has the potential to outperform throughout a market cycle. We emphasize companies with strong free cash flow generation, improving revenue and earnings trends, high or rising returns on invested capital and sound or improving balance sheets.

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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.)
2021	29.70	25.94	28.71	17.23	17.17	N.A.	≤ 5	0.19	2,677.50
2020	21.18	17.64	18.40	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	≤ 5	0.15	1,639.88
2019	28.97	25.23	31.49	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	≤ 5	0.12	1,390.52

#### Annualized Trailing Performance as of December 31, 2021

Period	Pure Gross-of-fees Return (%) (Supplemental)	Net-of-fees Return (%)	Index Return (%)
1 Year	29.70	25.94	28.71
Inception	26.56	22.88	26.07

Inception Date: December 31, 2018

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  5. Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of the annual pure gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the Composite for the entire year. If the composite contains five or fewer accounts for the full year, a measure of dispersion is not statistically representative and is therefore not shown.
  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.
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  9. The benchmark, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, tracks the performance of 500 widely held, large-capitalization U.S. stocks. It is a market value weighted index (stock price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding), with each stock's weight in the Index proportionate to its market value. Index returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.
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