

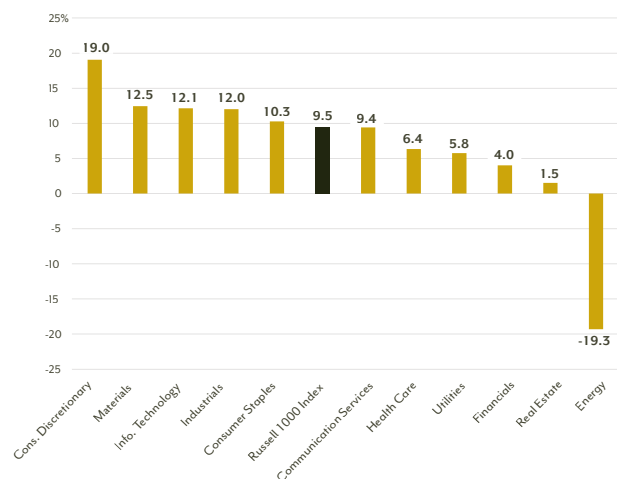
Market Commentary

After posting its best quarter ever in Q2, continued monetary stimulus, along with the prospect of additional fiscal stimulus and progress on COVID-19 treatments and vaccines, continued pushing the Russell 1000 Index higher in Q3. Despite dropping about 6% from a new all-time high in early September, the index still returned 9.5% in Q3 and is up 6.4% for the year.

Retail sales bounced back to all-time highs in August, driving market-leading returns for the consumer discretionary sector. Amazon and Tesla were responsible for more than half the sector's nearly 19% return, although a broad range of companies, including homebuilders and other housing-related businesses, are benefitting from strong demand. Cyclical sectors, including industrials and materials, also performed well as the economic recovery continued.

Financials continued lagging the broader market, returning 4% as low interest rates, a flat yield curve and an uncertain outlook for credit losses weighed on these businesses. After bouncing back in Q2 from a weak Q1, energy was again the worst performing sector, falling nearly 20% in Q3. Although crude oil prices have stabilized around \$40 per barrel, inventories remain high and the rebound in demand seems to be stalling. The sector is now the smallest in the Russell 1000 Index, ending the quarter at just 2% of the index.

RUSSELL 1000 INDEX SECTOR RETURNS - 3Q20



Source: FactSet.



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The Russell 1000 Value Index outpaced the Russell 1000 Growth Index by more than 200 basis points during September, falling just 2.5% while the growth index fell 4.7%. Yet, for the full quarter, the growth index's 13.2% return bested the value index by approximately 760 basis points. This brings the Russell 1000 Growth Index's year-to-date return to 24.3%, about 36 percentage points ahead of the value index's 11.6% decline. If this outperformance level holds through year end, it would be the largest annual outperformance for one of these indices over the other since Russell created the style indices more than 30 years ago.

The Russell 1000 Index widened its lead over the Russell 2000 Index by about 450 basis points in the quarter, bringing the year-to-date outperformance of large caps to more than 15 percentage points. While the Russell 1000 Index has increased more than 6% this year, small caps are still down about 9%, in part because they have not gotten the lift from mega-cap technology stocks that have performed so well.

Market Outlook

The fiscal and monetary stimulus implemented this year has been unprecedented, and the Fed has made it clear it will continue doing what it takes to support the economy. This includes its intention to keep short-term interest rates near zero through 2023. Congress may approve additional fiscal stimulus, although disagreement over the size of such support is delaying approval.

Along with the recent real GDP decline, corporate earnings have been similarly affected, with S&P 500® earnings down approximately 50% in Q1 and an estimated 33% in Q2. Businesses with more variable cost structures have been able to protect margins and earnings better than those with greater fixed costs. We have been focused on assessing businesses' cost structures and how the associated operating leverage may impact near-term cash flows. In addition, we have been closely examining companies' balance sheets and liquidity situations to assess their ability to weather the downturn.

The November 2020 U.S. election may be an additional risk for corporate earnings. In a scenario where the Senate and presidency turn Democrat, it is likely that part of the 2017 corporate tax-rate cut will be reversed. This scenario may also result in additional regulations for businesses, which, while harder to detect, may also impact growth.

Though market volatility has declined significantly from Q1's record levels, it remains elevated. We expect markets to remain volatile until there is a sustained slowdown in COVID-19 cases or until a treatment or vaccine is deemed viable.

With the shape of the economic and earnings recoveries still highly uncertain, the magnitude and speed of the market rally is somewhat surprising. The market's forward price/earnings multiple went from below historical averages to above in a few short months. From current levels, equity market returns over the next five years are expected to be in the mid-single digit range.

We believe we can achieve better-than-market returns over the next five years through active portfolio management, and our primary focus is always on achieving value-added results for our existing clients.

Large Cap Strategy Review

The Composite increased 9.76%, net of fees, compared to a 9.47% increase in the Russell 1000 Index and a 5.59% increase in the Russell 1000 Value Index.

On an absolute basis, almost all sectors contributed to return, led by the consumer discretionary, communication services, health care and consumer staples sectors. Only the energy sector modestly detracted from absolute return.

The Composite's outperformance relative to the Russell 1000 Index was primarily driven by security selection in the health care, industrials and communication services sectors. An overweight position in the financials sector and underweight position in the information technology sector were the largest detractors from relative return.

Best Performers

- Pharmaceutical company **Abbott Laboratories**
- Diversified holding company **Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. (CI B)**
- Consumer products manufacturer **Procter & Gamble Co.**
- Homebuilder **NVR, Inc.**
- HVAC products and services provider **Carrier Global Corp.**

Worst Performers

- Banking and financial services company **Citigroup, Inc.**
- Integrated oil and gas company **Chevron Corp.**
- Property and casualty insurance company **American International Group, Inc.**
- Biopharmaceutical company **Gilead Sciences, Inc.**
- Information technology services provider **L3Harris Technologies, Inc.**

New Positions

- Global machinery manufacturer **Caterpillar, Inc.**
- Agriculture equipment manufacturer **Deere & Co.**
- Utilities company **Dominion Energy, Inc.**
- Information technology services provider **L3Harris Technologies, Inc.**
- Timber, land and forest products company **Weyerhaeuser Co.**

Eliminated Positions

- Packaged foods manufacturer **Kellogg Co.**
- Software provider **Microsoft Corp.**
- Industrial electrical equipment manufacturer **Roper Technologies, Inc.**
- Life sciences tools company **Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.**

Diamond Hill Large Cap Strategy

As of September 30, 2020

PERIOD AND ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (%)

Inception Date: June 30, 2001

	SINCE INCEPTION	10-YR	5-YR	3-YR	1-YR	YTD	3Q20
LARGE CAP COMPOSITE							
Gross of Fees	9.35	12.33	11.37	7.01	3.31	-4.55	9.88
Net of Fees	8.76	11.77	10.84	6.51	2.84	-4.88	9.76
BENCHMARKS							
Russell 1000 Index	7.75	13.76	14.09	12.38	16.01	6.40	9.47
Russell 1000 Value Index	6.33	9.95	7.66	2.63	-5.03	-11.58	5.59

CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
LARGE CAP COMPOSITE										
Gross of Fees	10.61	3.60	13.35	37.79	11.59	-0.18	15.27	21.09	-8.81	32.96
Net of Fees	10.00	3.11	12.79	37.06	10.98	-0.71	14.71	20.50	-9.25	32.35
BENCHMARKS										
Russell 1000 Index	16.10	1.50	16.42	33.11	13.24	0.92	12.05	21.69	-4.78	31.43
Russell 1000 Value Index	15.51	0.39	17.51	32.53	13.45	-3.83	17.34	13.66	-8.27	26.54

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AS OF YEAR-END	DHCM	LARGE CAP COMPOSITE			3-YR ANNUALIZED STANDARD DEVIATION (GROSS OF FEES)		
		Assets Under Management	Number of Accounts	Assets Under Management	Dispersion (Gross of Fees)	Large Cap Composite	Russell 1000 Index
2019	\$23.4B	199	\$10.4B	0.19%	12.84%	12.05%	11.85%
2018	19.1B	199	8.0B	0.36	11.63	10.95	10.82
2017	22.3B	196	9.1B	0.12	11.36	9.97	10.20
2016	19.4B	185	7.1B	0.28	11.91	10.69	10.77
2015	16.8B	180	5.8B	0.30	11.83	10.48	10.68
2014	15.7B	155	5.8B	0.10	9.53	9.12	9.20
2013	12.2B	132	4.2B	0.24	12.48	12.26	12.70
2012	9.4B	135	3.7B	0.24	14.42	15.40	15.51
2011	8.7B	129	3.5B	0.21	18.88	18.95	20.69
2010	8.6B	123	3.2B	0.22	NA ¹	NA ¹	NA ¹

¹ Statistics are not presented because the 3-year annualized standard deviations are not required prior to 2011. This composite was created in October 2013.

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