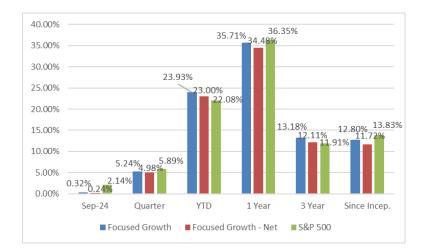
# **The View from Decatur**

### **Chart 1: DCM Focused Growth Composite Trailing Performance September 30, 2024**



I. Focused Growth Composite is comprised of 20-30 equity securities with market capitalization of \$5 Billion or more that pass our quantitative selection process and can be acquired at a reasonable price. The strategy focuses on growth of earnings and key valuation metrics. The benchmark is the S&P 500 Index.
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This table reflects does not represent future results and current returns may be higher or lower than return data depicted.
The Focused Growth Composite was created on December 31, 2021.

#### Chart 2: Performance Attribution by Economic Sectors, 3rd Qtr. 2024

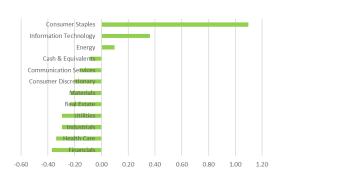
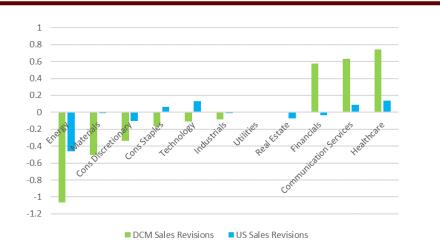


Chart 3: Sector Sales Revisions, 3rd Qtr 2024



#### 3rd Qtr. 2024

## **DCM Strategy: Focused Growth Equity**

Decatur Capital's strategy is focused on finding companies in the U.S. whose characteristics meet our high conviction quantitative selection process.

### Portfolio Manager Commentary

The net-of-fees performance for the quarter of the U.S. Focused Growth Strategy was 4.98% (unaudited), compared to the S&P 500 Index return of 5.89%. The net-of-fees performance for the year to date is 23.0% compared to the index of 22.08%

### **Performance Analysis**

Chart 2 presents the results of the quarterly portfolio performance attribution based on economic sectors.

The performance drag occurred in the financial sector due to price weakness for Federal Agriculture Mortgage (AGM) during the quarter. During the most recent quarterly announcement, AGM missed on both earnings and sales forecasts, which resulted in a decline in price. We will continue to evaluate AGM since we rank the stock in the top decile for future performance.

The positive performance in consumer staples was due to the continuing positive outlook for Sprouts Farmers Market (SFM). SFM reported positive sales and earnings surprises during the quarter. The firm's differentiation strategy that includes local fresh foods, efficient use of floor space, and online shopping, has positively impacted the margins. We will continue to monitor SFM for further upside.

### **Factor Analysis**

Chart 3 shows our normalized analysts' sector sales revisions. We use the analysts' sales revisions as one of our stock selection factors. We normalize the revisions to better compare each company with the universe of global companies in this metric. The portfolio holdings' scores exceed both positive and negative in most sectors. This provides an opportunity to focus on those companies that exhibit either positive or negative revisions. We continue to evaluate opportunities in healthcare and technology. Currently, we are not adding to our energy nor materials sector companies.

### **Outlook**

The surge in growth stocks continues. The Federal Reserve has started the easing cycle with the 50 basis point reduction in September. We believe that this will be positive for stocks in the coming months.

We are evaluating our risk exposure and continue to be positive on the markets.

Note: Returns are measured in U.S. dollars net of fees. Decatur Capital Management, Inc. (DCM) is a registered investment advisor specializing in quantitative growth oriented investment management. The benchmark is the S&P 500 which is designed to measure the large cap firms within the U.S. The benchmark is market cap weighted. DCM claims compliance with the Global Investment Edromance Standards (GIPS), GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or pronote this organization, nor does it warrant the accu or quality of the content contained herein. To receive a list of composite descriptions of DCM and/or GIPS Composite Report, contact Ralph J. Bryant, CPA at (404) 270-9888 or ralph0<sup>6</sup> decaturcapital.com or write to DC0 atternment Arevnee, Suite 200, Decatur, CA 30030.