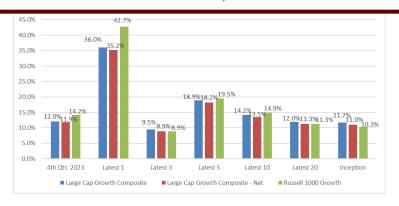
# **Chart 1: DCM Large Cap Growth Composite Trailing Performance December 31, 2023**



- 1. Large Cap Growth Composite is comprised of 40-60 equity securities with market capitalization of \$5 Billion or more that pass our quantitative selection process and can be acquir reasonable price. The strategy focuses on growth of earnings and key valuation metrics. The benchmark is the Russell 1000 Growth Index. The Russell 1000 Growth Index process and the process of the pr

### Chart 2: Performance Attribution by Economic Sectors, 4th Qtr. 2023

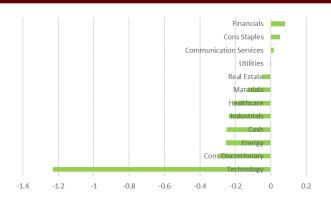
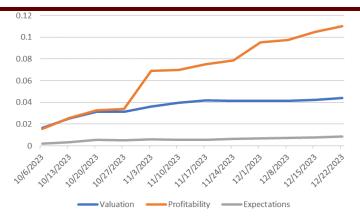


Chart 3: Cumulative Factor Weights, 4th Qtr 2023



## DCM Strategy: U.S. Large Cap Growth

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

#### **Portfolio Manager Commentary**

The net-of-fees performance for the quarter of the U.S. Large Cap Growth Strategy was 11.90% (unaudited), compared to the Russell 1000 Growth Index return of 14.16%.

#### **Performance Analysis**

Chart 2 presents the results of the quarterly portfolio performance attribution based on economic sectors. Our selections in the technology sector resulted in negative relative return while our selections in financials provided positive performance during the quarter.

Some of the negative performance in technology was due to our not holding Broadcom (AVGO), a semiconductor firm, during the majority of the quarter. AVGO's acquisition of VMware which increases its cloud technology infrastructure is seen as transformational. Plus, AVGO reported strong financial results and the sock surged 35% during the quarter. Given the allocation in the benchmark, this move dwarfed the contribution of other semiconductor firms in the portfolio. We held several other competitors in the portfolio to include Nvidia (NVDA), Texas Instruments (TXN), and hardware firm, Oracle (ORCL). After further review, we sold ORCL for underperforming and purchased AVGO.

We experienced a small positive performance from our financial services selections in S&P Global (SPGI). SPGI provides capital markets intelligence to investors. SPGI reported strong financial results on earnings and sales that surprised the analysts. We continue to have a positive outlook for the stock.

#### **Factor Analysis**

Chart 3 reflects cumulative weights for our three major factor groups of valuation, profitability, and expectations. The analysis indicates that expectations impact on returns remain consistent. The relationship of valuation and profitability changed during the quarter. We were coming off of a negative quarter for the markets and both profitability and valuation had similar impacts on stock performance through October. In November and December, those stocks that had strong profitability exposures surged in performance. These stocks were led by the mega cap technology stocks and while we increased our exposure we were not aggressive enough and lagged during the quarter.

Prior to the quarter, we did not foresee a surge in the technology sector and we did not move aggressively to capture more of the positive performance. As we enter 2024, we remain optimistic and our allocation to the various sectors reflect our positive outlook. We are heading into 2024 with higher than benchmark weights to technology and healthcare. We have lower than benchmark weights to consumer discretionary, staples, and financials. Therefore, we continue to have a 'risk-on' allocation for the strategy.