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FORT WASHINGTON FOCUSED EQUITY — 4Q2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ U.S. equities rallied in the fourth quarter to close out the year. The perceived Fed pivot fueled the soft landing narrative for investors. Performance was more broad-based during the quarter as earnings are expected to improve for 2024.
- While underperforming the index, the Focused Equity strategy returned 9.98% (net) during the quarter.



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MARKET COMMENTARY

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PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

During the guarter, there were no additions or removals from the portfolio.

As the quarter came to a close, the strategy had an overweight in the Communication Services, Health Care, and Financials sectors and an underweight in the Information Technology, Industrials, Energy, Real Estate, and Consumer Discretionary sectors. The weight in the Materials and Consumer Staples sectors was roughly in line with that of the index. The strategy held no positions in the Utilities sector.

From a market cap perspective, the strategy ended the period with a 1.6% weight in smaller cap stocks (companies with a market cap below \$2 billion). The index weight for this segment is 2.3%. The strategy had an underweight in mid-cap businesses, which now comprise 5.0% of assets, compared to an index weight of 8.5%. Lastly, the strategy is underweight in larger cap businesses (companies with a market cap above \$10 billion). The weight in that segment is currently 88.9%, which is lower than the index weight of 89.2%. This allocation decision had a neutral impact to performance during the quarter. Cash holdings ended the quarter at 4.5%.

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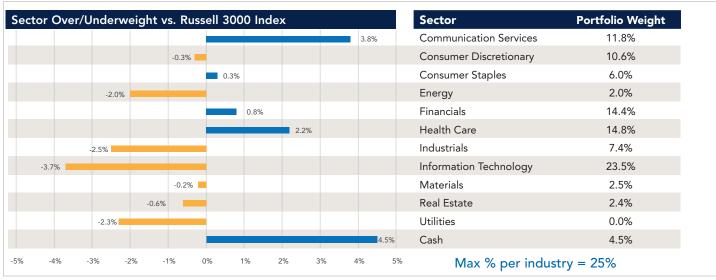
The sectors where strategy holdings outperformed the most relative to the benchmark were Consumer Staples, Industrials, and Communication Services. Sectors that lagged the most relative to the benchmark included Energy, Financials, and Real Estate. Stock selection detracted 142 basis points from performance for the period. Sector allocation detracted 56 basis points during the quarter primarily due to the cash position and an underweight to Information Technology.

Three stocks that contributed the most to performance included an American cloud-based software company, an American multinational aerospace and defense company, and a Mexican multinational beverage company. Stocks that detracted the most from performance were an American multinational hospitality company, an American oil and gas company, and an American conglomerate holding company.

Investments made in international companies, which comprised 3.0% of assets, outperformed the benchmark.

Top Ten Holdings				
Name	Sector	% of Portfolio		
Microsoft	Information Technology	8.5%		
Apple	Information Technology	7.1%		
Alphabet	Communication Services	5.0%		
Berkshire Hathaway	Financials	4.5%		
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	4.3%		
Amazon.com	Consumer Discretionary	4.1%		
UnitedHealth Group	Health Care	3.0%		
Coca-Cola FEMSA	Consumer Staples	2.6%		
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	2.5%		
Salesforce	Information Technology	2.5%		
Total		44.2%		

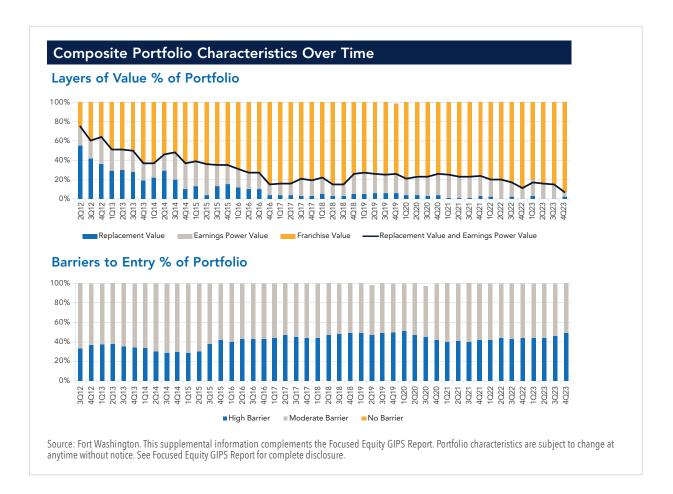
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Portfolio Characteristics					
Replacement Value, Earnings Power Value, Franchise Value ¹	2%	5%	93%		
Weighted average excess return on capital ²	~1,249 bps above the cost of capital				
Barriers to entry (none, moderate, high) ¹	0%	51%	49%		
Price to intrinsic value (weighted average)		\$0.85			
Small, mid, large cap %1	1.7%	5.2%	93.1%		
International %		3.0%			
Number of holdings		47			
Cash position		4.5%			

'Excludes cash. 'Returns on capital vs. cost of capital (ex financials). Source: Fort Washington. This supplemental information complements the Focused Equity GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics are as of the reported date and are subject to change at any time without notice. See Focused Equity GIPS Report for complete disclosure.



OUTLOOK

The U.S. equity market rallied in the fourth quarter of 2023 as the Federal Reserve guided toward cuts in the coming year and treasury yields recorded a significant reversal. Following a modest loss in the third quarter that continued into October, U.S. equities saw nine consecutive weeks of positive returns. While market gains for 2023 remain largely driven by a handful of mega cap stocks, fourth quarter performance was fairly broad with the equal weight S&P 500 slightly outperforming the cap-weighted S&P 500. The S&P 500 Index ended the quarter with an 11.7% return, resulting in a 2023 return of 26.3%.

Looking ahead, we continue to question whether a hard landing is still to come. Soft landings are typically preceded by the easing of lending standards while hard landings are preceded by the tightening of lending standards. We continue to believe bank lending standards will stay tight in the coming quarters. As a result, we see additional downside risk to growth and believe the path for a soft landing remains narrow mainly due to the lag effects of higher interest rates. Consistent with our approach over the past couple of years, we have maintained a high-quality portfolio with a focus on higher return on capital and higher barrier to entry businesses with pricing power. We continue to be alert for signals that would warrant a risk-on shift, but we believe, at this point, our high-quality posture will benefit the portfolio going forward.

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES

	4Q2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Focused Equity (Gross)	10.09%	26.29%	-17.53%	27.91%	25.76%	28.77%	-6.71%	15.20%	13.01%	4.21%	7.65%
Focused Equity (Net)	9.98%	25.80%	-17.85%	27.39%	25.25%	28.25%	-7.08%	14.75%	12.58%	3.80%	7.22%
Russell 3000 Index	12.07%	25.96%	-19.21%	25.66%	20.89%	31.01%	-5.24%	21.13%	12.74%	0.48%	12.56%
Focused Equity 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation ¹		16.54%	20.97%	18.73%	20.23%	13.29%	10.99%	10.07%	10.87%	11.40%	10.65%
Russell 3000 Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation ¹		17.46%	21.48%	17.94%	19.41%	12.21%	11.18%	10.09%	10.88%	10.58%	9.29%
Dispersion ²	0.29%	0.72%	0.22%	0.21%	0.25%	0.31%	0.21%	0.36%	0.55%	0.42%	0.49%
Number of Accounts	6	6	6	7	6	6	8	10	9	8	7
Composite Assets (\$ millions)	\$1,407.0	\$1,407.0	\$1,167.0	\$1,605.1	\$1,330.1	\$1,187.6	\$1,258.8	\$1,572.9	\$1,774.3	\$1,538.1	\$1,341.6
Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)	\$74,613	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	\$45,656	\$42,959	\$45,002

Composite inception and creation date: 10/01/07. ¹The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. ²Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. The benchmark for this composite is the Russell 3000 Index. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

The Fort Washington Focused Equity strategy is an all-cap concentrated, value oriented strategy that invests in businesses with strong barriers to entry that have the capability of generating excess returns on capital. The strategy looks to take advantage of irrational human behavior by buying securities that have been mispriced by the market. We will invest in companies that have limited absolute downside and large margin of safety on the upside. The objective of the Focused Equity strategy is to outperform the Russell 3000 Index over a full market cycle. All fleepaying, fully discretionary portfolios managed in the Focused Equity style, with a minimum of \$1 million under our management, are included in this composite. Effective 01/22/14, the Focused Equity strategy is fee schedule is as follows: 0.75% on the first \$25 million, 0.70% on the next \$25 million, and 0.65% on additional amounts over \$50 million. The benchmark for this composite is the Russell 3000 Index of reflected in this material and all trademarks and copyrights related thereto. The presentation may contain confidential information pertaining to FRC and unauthorized use, disclosure, copying, dissemination, or redistribution is strictly prohibited. This is a Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. presentation of the Russell Index data. Frank Russell Company is not responsible for the formatting or configuration of this material or for any inaccuracy in Fort Washington's presentation thereof. Portfolios in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, interest, and dividends. The composite may invest in ADRs, which the Russell 3000 Index does not use. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our asset allocation ratio. The U.S. dollar is the base currency. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment advisory fees and

RISK DISCLOSURES

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