Performance Comparison[1]

Periods Ended 3/31/18 (%)	QTR	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	S. I.[1]
Dean Multi-Cap Value (gross)	-3.07	-3.07	9.91	9.02	11.48	10.46
Dean Multi-Cap Value (net)	-3.22	-3.22	9.26	8.22	10.62	9.57
Russell 3000 Value	-2.82	-2.82	6.81	7.87	10.71	8.64

Periods greater than 1 year are annualized
[1]DCM inception was June 30, 2008

Performance Summary

The Dean Multi-Cap Value composite gross total return was -3.07% in the first quarter of 2018, compared with the Russell 3000 Value Index return of -2.82%.

Macro style factors contributed positively to performance this quarter when compared to our primary style benchmark, the Russell 3000 Value Index.

As has been the case for the past year, growth and momentum stocks continued to lead the market higher. Relative to our benchmark, the strategy is modestly overweight these style factors which contributed to performance. However, Dean is a traditional value manager, and the recent growth and momentum trends have been challenging, resulting in underperformance relative to the broader market. The Russell 3000 Value Index fell -2.82%, while the broad Russell 3000 Index was down slightly with a return of -0.64% during the quarter. By comparison, the Russell 3000 Growth Index gained 1.48%. In the past year the spread is even wider, with the Russell 3000 Growth up 21.06% compared with the Russell 3000 Value Index return of 6.81%.

In addition to growth and momentum, factors with a quality bias such as low volatility and higher profitability, outperformed and benefitted the strategy.

Sector Drivers

GICS Sectors	Average Weight			Stock Level Returns		Portfolio Impact	
	Port	Bench	Active	Port	Bench	Contribution	Attribution
Information Technology	12.7%	8.9%	3.8%	7.7%	5.4%	89 bps	56 bps
Health Care	12.3%	13.2%	-0.9%	-0.8%	-1.4%	-10 bps	6 bps
Energy	8.6%	10.5%	-1.8%	-6.2%	-6.0%	-54 bps	4 bps
Industrials	10.6%	8.6%	2.0%	-3.6%	-4.2%	-38 bps	4 bps
Telecommunication Services	2.6%	2.7%	-0.1%	-8.6%	-7.2%	-23 bps	-4 bps
Real Estate	2.0%	4.8%	-2.8%	-15.3%	-7.4%	-38 bps	-8 bps
Utilities	5.8%	5.6%	0.1%	-4.7%	-3.3%	-25 bps	-8 bps
Consumer Discretionary	6.4%	7.2%	-0.7%	-5.2%	-2.7%	-33 bps	-16 bps
Consumer Staples	7.1%	7.9%	-0.7%	-11.8%	-8.3%	-88 bps	-23 bps
Financials	22.1%	27.6%	-5.5%	-1.9%	-1.0%	-43 bps	-32 bps
Materials	5.3%	3.1%	2.2%	-10.1%	-5.3%	-58 bps	-35 bps

(see disclosures)

The best performing sector relative to the benchmark was Information Technology. The sector continued its strong performance seen over the past year, and our sector overweight proved beneficial. In addition to being overweight the sector, strong performance from networking products maker Cisco Systems (CSCO), internet traffic solutions manager F5 Networks (FFIV), and computer component manufacturer Intel (INTC) also were positive contributions to performance.

The second best performing sector was Health Care. Within the Health Care sector, our significant overweight of the Health Care Equipment and Services industry contributed to performance with the sector outperforming in a down market. In addition, holdings in Encompass Health Care (discussed below) and Stryker (SYK) contributed to performance through stock selection. Stryker is medical device company with a portfolio of reconstructive joint, spine, medical, and surgical products. After a few years of making acquisitions, the company's growth is beginning to accelerate as the synergies are realized.

Materials were the worst performing sector relative to the benchmark. The overweight of the sector had a negative impact to performance as the sector underperformed the benchmark. Stock selection also weighed on the sector's performance as Nutrien (NTR) and Compass Minerals (CMP) materially underperformed. Nutrien, a new company formed in December with the combination of Potash and Agrium, traded down with a reset in expectations as a combined entity. Compass Minerals reported a positive quarter but guided expectations 15-20% lower for 2018 on rising costs for salt supply without commensurate price increases, as well as lowered expectations in its Brazil business.

The second-worst performing sector relative to the benchmark was Financials. The underperformance was split between allocation, where we were underweight an outperforming sector, and stock selection. Two of the underperforming stocks were in the Banking industry. In general terms, banks have benefitted recently from increased loan demand and rising interest rates. With these benefits, expectations in the sector have also increased. Recently, short-term interest rates have risen faster than long-term rates, leading to a flattening of the yield curve. The impact of this flattening is different on all banks based on the assets they hold and how they are financed. For two of the banks owned, U.S. Bancorp (USB) and Capital Federal (CFFN), the flattening of the yield curve led to lower than expected net interest margin increases. Loan growth also failed to meet expectations. Life insurance company, Torchmark (TMK), was negatively impacted by a reset in earnings expectations as the impact of tax law changes becomes more evident.

Top 10 Contributors/Detractors

	Top 10 Contributors	Average % Weight	Contribution
1	ENCOMPASS HEALTH CORP	2.65	39 bps
2	INTEL CORP	2.49	32 bps
3	CISCO SYSTEMS INC	2.61	29 bps
4	COGNIZANT TECH SOLUTIONS-A	2.06	25 bps
5	BLACKROCK INC	3.01	16 bps
6	F5 NETWORKS INC	1.71	15 bps
7	MICROSOFT CORP	2.20	14 bps
8	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP	1.73	8 bps
9	BB&T CORP	2.02	7 bps
10	STRYKER CORP	1.61	6 bps

	Top 10 Detractors	Average % Weight	Contribution
1	CVS HEALTH CORP	2.01	-28 bps
2	ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP	1.65	-27 bps
3	NUTRIEN LTD	1.79	-25 bps
4	EXXON MOBIL CORP	2.35	-24 bps
5	WEINGARTEN REALTY INVESTORS	0.59	-24 bps
6	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	2.59	-23 bps
7	THE PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	1.60	-22 bps
8	THE HERSHEY CO	1.64	-21 bps
9	TORCHMARK CORP	2.83	-20 bps
10	COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATION	1.17	-19 bps

Selected Contributor(s) to Performance

The highest contributing security this quarter was Encompass Health Corporation (EHC, formerly HealthSouth). Encompass Health provides post-acute health care services on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. The company operates inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and long-term acute care hospitals. EHC was up 16.2% in the quarter. Drivers of the performance included a strong earnings report and solid guidance for 2018. The company was able to add more beds than expected through new construction and acquisitions. Also, Encompass was able to hold on to operating margins while the top line grew 8% year over year. The portfolio continues to hold EHC.

The second highest contributing security in the quarter was Intel Corp (INTC) up 13.6%. Intel is the leading semiconductor manufacturer in the world. Intel beat earnings estimates in the quarter and guided to significantly higher than expected 2018 revenue and earnings. Intel continues to benefit from growth in mobile and cloud computing. Intel's server chips carry their highest margins and are their fastest growing line. The portfolio continues to hold INTC.

Selected Detractor(s) from Performance

The largest detracting security in the first quarter was CVS Health (CVS). CVS is the nation's largest integrated health care services provider, combining one of the leading pharmaceutical services companies with the largest pharmacy chain. Once again, market fears of the company's proposed purchase of managed care provider Aetna weighed heavily on the stock price as it was down -13.7% in the quarter. The strategic combination of CVS and Aetna appears reasonable; however, it certainly widens the potential ranges of outcomes regarding earning power and returns on investment. The portfolio continues to hold CVS while keeping a close eye on the evolution of the health care environment generally and this combination specifically.

The second lowest contributing security this quarter was Alliance Data Systems (ADS). ADS was down -15.8% in the third quarter. Alliance Data Systems provides marketing, loyalty program, and private-label credit card services. Key drivers of ADS weakness were small upticks in both net charge-offs and the delinquency rate. Additionally, negative sentiment regarding the detrimental impact of internet shopping on traditional brick and mortar retailers likely does not help Alliance Data. Still, the company appears well positioned to deliver continued higher than average earnings growth at a substantial discount to its historical valuation levels, and we continue to hold ADS.

Current Positioning

The portfolio is overweight Information Technology, Materials, and Industrials and underweight Financials, Real Estate, and Energy relative to the benchmark Russell 3000 Value Index. The Financial sector underweight is mostly in the banking industry. Early in the first quarter we sold Wells Fargo (WFC) and added KeyCorp (KEY) as well as added to our investment in other banks for a net addition to the space. Also, we added weight to the Utility sector despite selling Avista Corp (AVA). Avista is being purchased by Hydro One Ltd, and there was limited upside to the deal price.

In what we perceive to possibly be the later stages of the current bull market, investors are increasingly paying a large premium for growth, and valuations in many parts of the market suggest a degree of optimism that seems excessive. To be fair, the economy remains on solid footing, and we are not suggesting a recession is imminent. However, we do find the valuation gap between growth and value stocks to be too wide and as such have gravitated toward the traditional value areas of the market.

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