Performance Comparison[1]

Periods Ended 12/31/20 (%)	QTR	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	S. I.[1]
DCM Equity Income (gross)	12.19	1.02	1.02	5.50	10.50	11.43	11.43
DCM Equity Income (net)	12.02	0.41	0.41	4.88	9.82	10.69	10.69
Russell 1000 Value[2]	16.25	2.80	2.80	5.95	9.77	10.37	10.37

Periods greater than 1 year are annualized
[1]DCM Equity Income inception was January 1, 2011
[2]Effective 1/1/19, the benchmark was changed from Russell 3000 Value to Russell 1000 Value. Benchmark returns presented reflect Russell 3000 Value for time periods prior to January 1, 2019.

Performance Summary

The DCM Equity Income composite gross total return was 12.19% in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with the Russell 1000 Value Index 16.25%.

Broad market factors were decidedly negative in the fourth quarter. The continued unusual strength in market prices, particularly the most volatile and leveraged firms, was a considerable headwind to Equity Income's conservative style. Negative market factors this quarter included the strategy's overweight in high dividend payers and more profitable firms. Additionally, underweight positioning in those with the most earnings variability, stock price volatility, and balance sheet leverage held back the quarterly performance.

On the other hand, the portfolio positioning in smaller market capitalizations relative to the benchmark Russell 1000 Value Index was a positive, as was the overweight in value-priced securities. Unfortunately, the value style outperformance in this quarter mostly represented the highest risk securities with the quality investments we target lagging.

Sector Drivers

GICS Sectors	Average Weight			Stock Level Returns		Portfolio Impact	
	Port	Bench	Active	Port	Bench	Contribution	Attribution
Financials	21.6%	18.8%	2.8%	26.7%	26.0%	535 bps	33 bps
Information Technology	7.0%	9.5%	-2.5%	17.7%	16.0%	119 bps	12 bps
Materials	3.6%	4.8%	-1.2%	17.9%	16.8%	62 bps	3 bps
Energy	5.2%	4.2%	1.0%	26.1%	28.2%	125 bps	0 bps
Health Care	10.0%	13.8%	-3.8%	4.2%	8.5%	45 bps	-17 bps
Consumer Discretionary	2.7%	7.7%	-4.9%	6.4%	15.4%	18 bps	-21 bps
Real Estate	4.9%	4.5%	0.4%	3.9%	11.8%	21 bps	-43 bps
Communication Services	7.7%	9.5%	-1.7%	9.6%	17.0%	75 bps	-58 bps
Utilities	10.7%	5.9%	4.8%	5.6%	7.0%	66 bps	-61 bps
Consumer Staples	10.6%	8.0%	2.7%	2.3%	6.1%	24 bps	-65 bps
Industrials	12.1%	13.5%	-1.4%	11.4%	19.9%	138 bps	-106 bps

(see disclosures)

The best sector for Equity Income in the fourth quarter was the Financial sector. Allocation was positive as the portfolio was overweight this outperforming sector. Strong stock selection also helped performance as falling credit risk concerns and rising inflation and interest rate expectations were tailwinds for the financial sector. Strong bank holdings included Capitol Federal Financial (CFFN), PNC Financial Services Group (PNC), and US Bancorp (USB), up 37.3%, 37.0%, and 31.1%, respectively. Additionally, asset manager BlackRock (BLK) and life insurer MetLife (MET) contributed significantly, up 28.7% and 27.8%, respectively. See further discussion of BLK and CFFN below.

The second best sector for the portfolio was Information Technology. This sector's positive attribution was mostly due to stock selection. Software provider Amdocs (DOX) was up 24.1% in the fourth quarter due to strong earnings as well as continued growth in the telecom space, benefitting from the early stages of the nationwide 5G roll out. Payroll and business accounting service provider Paychex (PAYX) was up 17.7% with improvement in the employment outlook due to the approval and beginning administration of the various COVID-19 vaccines. The first quarter sale of Intel (INTC) continued to benefit the portfolio's relative performance with the stock down -3.1% in the quarter as INTC is the largest position in the benchmark IT sector. Intel underperformed in part due to weak semi-chip sales prices with demand shifting toward laptops and more consumer-oriented chips versus the higher end commercial and data center machines. Additionally, Apple's new MacBook line, the first with their in-house developed M-1 chip, was released in November to very strong reviews, adding pressure to Intel to close the perceived gap to ARM based silicon.

The worst sector for Equity Income performance this quarter was Industrials. Both allocation and stock selection were negative. The portfolio was underweight this strong sector, and several holdings lagged the sector's strong performance. We reduced the weights in both United Parcel Service (UPS) and Cummins (CMI) last quarter, but perhaps not enough, as the stocks lagged with 1.7% and 8.2% total returns. Another earlier winner where we reduced the portfolio weight due to strong price performance and less inviting risk/reward was Fastenal (FAST). As with UPS ad CMI, we continue to hold a smaller position, but that was a headwind in the fourth quarter with the stock's 9.8% total return lagging both the benchmark and the Industrial sector.

The second worst sector in the fourth quarter was Consumer Staples. Both allocation and stock selection were negative as the portfolio was overweight this dividend and quality-rich sector. Similar to the Industrial sector, some of the worst performing securities were earlier big winners that we had reduced the weight in or in the case of Clorox (CLX) reduced earlier in the year and sold out of in the fourth quarter. As the market has seemingly fully transitioned to a post COVID-19 mindset, earlier winners like Kimberly Clarke (KMB), Clorox, and General Mills (GIS) have lagged considerably, down -8.0%, -4.6%, and -3.9%, respectively. The portfolio continues to hold KMB and GIS.

Top 10 Contributors/Detractors

	Top 10 Contributors	Average % Weight	Contribution
1	BLACKROCK INC	2.71	80 bps
2	CAPITOL FEDERAL FINANCIAL INC	1.69	63 bps
3	OMNICOM GROUP	2.39	60 bps
4	US BANCORP	1.89	54 bps
5	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.54	52 bps
6	PAYCHEX INC	2.93	51 bps
7	METLIFE INC	1.76	46 bps
8	T ROWE PRICE GROUP	2.59	45 bps
9	BANK NY MELLON	1.83	43 bps
10	SCHLUMBERGER LTD	1.11	40 bps

	Top 10 Detractors	Average % Weight	Contribution
1	AMGEN INC	2.30	-25 bps
2	KIMBERLY-CLARK CORP	2.10	-19 bps
3	DIGITAL REALTY	1.99	-10 bps
4	DOMINION ENERGY	2.23	-8 bps
5	CLOROX CO	0.71	-6 bps
6	GENERAL MILLS INC	1.27	-5 bps
7	CASH	3.87	0 bps
8	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	1.55	0 bps
9	VIATRIS INC	0.01	0 bps
10	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE CL B	1.68	2 bps

Selected Contributor(s) to Performance

The highest contributing security in the fourth quarter was BlackRock Inc (BLK). BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager offering advice-driven asset management, active investing strategies, and passive ETFs. The stock was up 28.7% in the fourth quarter as the market reached new all-time highs, and the company saw large net inflows. In an increasingly consolidating industry, BLK's foresight into becoming a one-stop platform for investors' needs – providing active and passive management strategies, traditional and alternative asset vehicles, risk management, and tax optimization advice – has led to sustained outperformance versus peers, who are forced to play catch-up through large-scale acquisitions. Increased demand for liquidity, price discovery, and tighter spreads have all contributed to the record net inflows BLK saw in the fourth quarter, and we believe it is set up well for a long runway of growth through its sustainable investing initiatives and iShares ETFs. The portfolio continues to hold BLK.

The second highest contributing holding in the quarter was Capitol Federal Financial Inc (CFFN). Capitol Federal is a Kansas based bank offering personal banking solutions, mortgage and commercial loans, and investment services to customers primarily in Kansas, Missouri, and Texas. CFFN was up 37.3% in the quarter as it was announced in early October that the bank was added to the S&P SmallCap 600, driving increased demand for shares. Also during the quarter, the Federal Reserve maintained its near-zero rate interest policy, with Chairman Jerome Powell reiterating the Fed's commitment to "using these powerful tools that we have to support the economy," providing a level of certainty for investors and management teams alike. On a company-level analysis, the bank continues to progress its loan modification program, with less than 16% of loans remaining under forbearance policies from the initial COVID modifications taken in March. Management has elected to use the excess liquidity received from record levels of deposits to pay down debt and increase its balance of securities. Due to the stock price strength, we reduced the weight in CFFN in the fourth quarter. However, with a cash balance of $83mm and a commitment to pay out 100% of FY2021 earnings, we continue to hold the remaining CFFN position.

Selected Detractor(s) from Performance

The lowest contributing security in the fourth quarter was Amgen Inc. (AMGN). Amgen is a developer and manufacturer of human therapeutics looking to address diseases for which there are limited treatment options. AMGN was down -8.9% in the fourth quarter, compared with the benchmark Russell 1000 Value Healthcare Sector up 8.5% in the quarter. The fourth quarter was supposed to be a breakthrough quarter for AMGN with multiple phase three drugs' results being released. However, it got off to a rocky start when its Omecamtiv heart failure drug data underwhelmed, leading AMGN to later in November terminate its collaboration with Cytokinetics. Following this disappointing announcement was a competitor's release of more efficacious drug data to compete with AMGN's leading lung cancer treatment. Finally, Amgen's second phase three trial asthma drug disappointed as well, limiting optimism around the program. These issues are short-term in nature as Amgen still maintains a solid pipeline with over 20 drugs or expanded use cases in phase three. Paired with a solid balance sheet, free cash flow conversion, and a 3% dividend yield, the portfolio maintains a position in AMGN.

The second lowest contributing security this quarter was Kimberly-Clark Corp (KMB). Kimberly-Clark is a manufacturer and marketer of a range of products made from natural or synthetic fibers with primary products being diapers, feminine care products, and tissues. KMB was down -8.0% in the fourth quarter, compared with the benchmark Russell 1000 Value Consumer Staples Sector up 6.1% in the quarter. While the Company reported that organic revenue grew 3%, gross profit margin expanded year-over-year, and the Company maintained or grew market share in six out of eight categories in North America in the third quarter. Also, the market bemoaned management's warning of sustained fixed cost de-leverage associated with the K-C Professional segment. This segment has been struggling in the face of the work-from-home movement in 2020, and management expects it to continue as long as volumes stay suppressed. Expected inflation of major input commodities over the short-term also worked to dampen enthusiasm around the stock. However, as a global market share leader serving a growing middle-class and aging population world-wide, that is also witnessing increased birth rates in emerging and developing markets, we continue to hold KMB for the long-term.

Current Positioning

The Equity Income portfolio is positioned with overweight exposure to higher dividend, profitability, and value priced stocks. This can be seen in above benchmark sector exposure to Utilities, Consumer Staples, and Financials. On the other hand, the portfolio is considerably underweight balance sheet leverage, earnings variability, and stock price volatility factors. This manifests in lower than benchmark weights in Consumer Discretionary, Health Care, and Information Technology sectors. Health Care is divided among stable, higher dividend pharmaceutical firms and more volatile and low or no dividend equipment and services firms. The portfolio is overweight the pharmaceutical industry group, with lower than benchmark exposure to healthcare equipment and services.

The arrival of multiple COVID-19 vaccines was met with appropriate market applause. On the other hand, and not seemingly reflected in stock prices at all, the COVID-19 pandemic rages on worse than ever, and the vaccine roll out has moved at a snail's pace relative to expectations. There were approximately 2 million actual initial vaccine doses administered before year-end versus federal government guidance of greater than 20 million. It may sound like we are playing a broken record, but it feels premature to pay prices for securities reflecting not only a return to normal earning power, but healthy growth on top with little downside risk. This is why we continue to find the best risk/rewards in sectors such as Utilities and Consumer Staples. Such stable, high dividend payers have been completely left behind. Such stock weakness only feeds on itself in the short term as myopic investors flee value strategies with possibly the worst timing in a generation. We are finding some of the best relative risk/rewards in a decade as the market continues to pay a premium for what we feel are highly risky situations. Our process may sometimes appear boring and old fashioned, but time and again traditional value investing revives and should produce favorable results over time.

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**A performance examination has been performed on performance results through 12/31/19. A firm-wide verification was performed for the periods 1/1/93 through 12/31/19. Data subsequent to 9/30/20 represents preliminary performance results.*

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