Performance Comparison[1]

Periods Ended 12/31/20 (%)	QTR	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	S. I.[1]
DCM Multi-Cap Value (gross)	14.78	2.49	2.49	6.02	10.61	10.42	9.87
DCM Multi-Cap Value (net)	14.62	1.88	1.88	5.38	9.90	9.61	9.04
Russell 3000 Value	17.21	2.87	2.87	5.89	9.74	10.36	8.40

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

Performance Summary

The DCM Multi-Cap Value composite gross total return was 14.78% in the fourth quarter of 2020, compared with the Russell 3000 Value Index return of 17.21%.

Broad market factors were negative in the fourth quarter. The continued unusual strength in market prices, particularly the most volatile and leveraged firms, was a considerable headwind to Multi-Cap Value's more conservative investment style. Negative factors included the strategy's overweight in more profitable firms as well as underweight positioning in firms with the most earnings variability, stock price volatility, and balance sheet leverage.

On the other hand, the portfolio positioning in smaller market capitalizations and value-priced stocks relative to the benchmark was a positive. Unfortunately, the value style strength this quarter mostly meant outperformance by 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
Health Care	15.0%	13.4%	1.6%	14.3%	8.9%	216 bps	72 bps
Industrials	15.8%	13.7%	2.1%	24.3%	20.8%	365 bps	57 bps
Communication Services	5.0%	9.0%	-4.0%	19.0%	17.2%	94 bps	9 bps
Utilities	5.7%	5.8%	-0.1%	6.7%	7.7%	43 bps	-5 bps
Materials	4.2%	4.8%	-0.7%	16.6%	18.8%	69 bps	-10 bps
Financials	19.3%	19.4%	-0.1%	26.1%	26.9%	478 bps	-19 bps
Consumer Staples	7.3%	7.7%	-0.5%	0.8%	6.7%	5 bps	-43 bps
Information Technology	10.6%	9.3%	1.3%	13.0%	16.9%	136 bps	-43 bps
Energy	2.8%	4.2%	-1.4%	16.9%	29.1%	46 bps	-49 bps
Real Estate	4.0%	4.8%	-0.8%	0.5%	13.1%	1 bps	-52 bps
Consumer Discretionary	7.4%	8.0%	-0.6%	3.9%	16.7%	29 bps	-99 bps

(see disclosures)

The best performing sector relative to the benchmark for the quarter was Health Care. Stock selection was the driver of the sector's outperformance. The portfolio held several health care equipment and services stocks that outperformed the benchmark sector returns. Rehabilitative facility operator Encompass Health Corp (EHC), integrated pharmacy health care provider CVS Health Corp (CVS), and surgical and medical product provider Stryker Corp (SYK), were up 27.7%, 17.9%, and 17.9%, respectively in the fourth quarter compared with the benchmark Health Care sector up 8.9%. These equipment and services firms benefited from a strong reversal in both procedure deferment and earnings expectations from the drastic reduction earlier in the pandemic.

The second best sector for the portfolio was Industrials. While portfolio allocation was a positive, stock selection was again the driver of the Industrial sector outperformance. Smaller capitalization holdings including WESCO International (WCC), Regal Beloit Corp (RBC), and Kennametal (KMT) were particularly strong, up 78.3%, 31.2%, and 26.0%, respectively. Moving these more economically sensitive stocks was the continuing improvement in investor sentiment along with the approval and beginning administration of the various COVID-19 vaccines. See further discussion of WCC below.

The Consumer Discretionary sector was the lowest contributing sector in the fourth quarter. Stock selection was poor with several holdings lagging the benchmark. Home improvement retailer Lowe's (LOW) was down -2.9% in the quarter. LOW had been one the portfolio's strongest holdings each of the last two quarters. However, the company's third quarter earnings did not live up to Wall Street's lofty expectations. Despite the market reaction, there was a lot to like in the earnings report with sales rising 28% from the year earlier and earnings per share up 40%. Additionally, automotive powertrain supplier BorgWarner (BWA) was up only 0.2%. While the company did beat reported earnings expectations in the quarter, and industry-wide automotive unit sales have recovered well since the April nadir, they remain well below previous highs.

The second lowest contributing sector was Real Estate. The portfolio's two Real Estate holdings both lagged the benchmark Real Estate sector. Digital Realty Trust (DLR) was down -4.1% in the quarter and is discussed further below. The other Real Estate holding is Public Storage (PSA), up 4.6% in the fourth quarter. Public Storage is the largest owner of self-storage facilities in the U.S. The company's occupancy recovered from modest weakness earlier in the year, but at the cost of lower average realized rent, falling nearly 3% in the third quarter (reported in the fourth). Both DLR and PSA remain high quality real estate investments that may benefit in the long run from the work from home trend in contrast to much of the Real Estate sector.

Top 10 Contributors/Detractors

	Top 10 Contributors	Average % Weight	Contribution
1	WESCO INTERNATIONAL	1.85	116 bps
2	WALT DISNEY CO	2.24	94 bps
3	BLACKROCK INC	3.30	88 bps
4	REGAL BELOIT CORP	2.96	87 bps
5	ENCOMPASS HEALTH	2.57	66 bps
6	KEYCORP	1.65	58 bps
7	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.62	55 bps
8	GLOBE LIFE INC	2.61	49 bps
9	US BANCORP	1.70	49 bps
10	VISHAY INTERTECHNOLOGY	1.58	49 bps

	Top 10 Detractors	Average % Weight	Contribution
1	KIMBERLY-CLARK	2.14	-20 bps
2	DIGITAL REALTY	1.85	-9 bps
3	LOWE'S COMPANIES INC	2.43	-9 bps
4	INTEL CORP	1.60	-7 bps
5	WEC ENERGY GROUP	1.78	-7 bps
6	CLOROX CO	1.23	-5 bps
7	BORGWARNER INC	1.65	0 bps
8	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	2.78	0 bps
9	CASH	3.00	0 bps
10	AUTOZONE INC	1.58	1 bps

Selected Contributor(s) to Performance

The highest contributing security in the fourth quarter was Wesco International Inc (WCC). Wesco is a North American distributor of products and a provider of advanced supply chain management and logistics services to a variety of end markets. The stock was up 78.3% in the fourth quarter as the Company shared blow-out results from its first full quarter integrating the Anixter Inc. acquisition, which closed in June 2020. The market had been leery about the high premium paid for the acquisition due to a bidding war with a private equity firm, as well as the resulting high leverage. However, management handily beat estimates, announced increased cost savings targets, and reduced debt by one and a half turns since June – all of which provided a clearer picture for investors as to the strategic rationale for the acquisition and more comfortability around the price paid. With integration ahead of schedule, further upside from cross-selling the entire portfolio to the Company's now-combined customer set and management's optimism around upside potential to even the new three-year targets, the portfolio continues to hold WCC.

The second highest contributing holding in the quarter was Walt Disney Co. (DIS). Disney is a diversified, global entertainment company consisting of media networks, theme parks, and studio-directed entertainment. The stock was up 46.0% in the fourth quarter as the Company was approached by a successful activist investor, who pushed for better capital allocation priorities by asking management to suspend the dividend and invest the cash in its streaming service. While initially met with a muted response by the market, management's announcement on its year-end earnings call to do just that was met with more optimism, especially as streaming subscribers beat analyst estimates handily and more details were provided about additional geographical launches. These announcements were further overshadowed at Disney's investor day near the end of the quarter, at which management increased long-term subscriber and studio release targets and more articulately laid out its plan to create and distribute its service through tiered platforms. With management taking a long-term focus to enhance its studio franchises' brand dominance, improved capital allocation, and a strong balance sheet that withstood almost a third of its revenue generating assets idled due to COVID-19, the portfolio remains confident in the future of DIS and maintains a position in the stock.

Selected Detractor(s) from Performance

The lowest contributing security in the fourth 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 3000 Value Consumer Staples Sector up 6.7% in the quarter. While the Company reported that organic revenue grew approximately 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, 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.

The second lowest contributing security this quarter was Digital Realty Trust (DLR). Digital Realty is a global provider of data center, colocation, and interconnection solutions for customers across a variety of industry verticals. DLR was down -4.1% in the fourth quarter, compared with the benchmark Russell 3000 Value Real Estate Sector up 13.1% in the quarter. While the Company reported strong results, with a record number of new logos signed, strong international revenue growth, and a higher percentage of bookings coming from enterprise colocation and interconnection, it was not enough to turn the market positive on future prospects. Management stated on its earnings call during the quarter that 100% of its active development pipeline is pre-leased, and 94% of its in-service portfolio remains leased, with a weighted average lease term of six years. While these stats provide transparency and comfortability around future results, they do not lend themselves to the near-20% annual growth rate that investors have witnessed over the past few years. However, management continues to be selectively active on the M&A front to expand its offerings, both geographically and by product, in a secularly growing industry worldwide. Recent debt refinancing is helping to slow the decline in funds from operations caused by COVID, while a healthy dividend yield of approximately 3.5% compensates investors as management works to return to previously achieved levels of top-line growth. The portfolio maintains a position in DLR.

Current Positioning

The portfolio's largest overweight sectors are Industrials and Health Care while the largest underweight sectors are Communication Services and Energy. We continue to focus on company fundamentals, preferring companies with strong balance sheets and profitability characteristics and avoiding low quality situations being driven by cheap credit or speculative situations where companies do not earn a profit. With two rounds of government stimulus in place, the potential for additional stimulus, and vaccines in the early stages of distribution, we believe much of the low-quality, distressed risk-on trade has occurred, and 2021 will focus more on quality and profitability of companies going forward.

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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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