

Small Cap Growth Quarter-End Performance Review—3Q18



The U.S. stock market shrugged off fears about tariffs, trade wars and the ongoing political drama in Washington D.C. and posted another strong quarter with the S&P 500 gaining 7.7% for the quarter. Growth outperformed value again as mega-cap technology and Internet stocks led the market higher, while low-P/E stocks continued to underperform. Health Care, Industrial and Technology sectors were among the stronger performing sectors while Energy companies were among the laggards, despite oil prices rising to their highest levels since 2014. Larger capitalization issues tended to outperform small cap issues, and 10-year Treasury bond yields rose 20 basis points, from 2.86% to 3.06%.

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates again on September 26, increasing the Fed's benchmark rate 0.25% to a range of 2.00% to 2.25%. The Fed also revealed a more optimistic view of the

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	Quarter Ending 9/30/18	Year-to-Date 9/30/18
Institutional Composite (gross)	8.32%	18.63%
(net)	8.26%	18.50%
Russell 2000 Growth ⁽⁴⁾	5.52%	15.76%

Source: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, FTSE Russell

SECTOR WEIGHTS & PORTFOLIO CHANGES ⁽¹⁾

Sector	Ending Weight ⁽²⁾	Change from 6/30/18	Small Cap Growth Additions & (Small Cap Growth Deletions) ⁽³⁾
Information Technology	30.2%	-3.0	Semtech, Envestnet (Imperva, Mitek Systems)
Health Care	20.2%	+0.8%	Tivity Health, Ligand Pharmaceuticals (Vocera Communications)
Consumer Discretionary	17.6%	+2.3%	Marriott Vacations Worldwide, Movado Group, Weight Watchers (iRobot, Shutterfly, Tenneco)
Industrials	15.2%	+0.1%	Generac Holdings, John Bean Technologies (Beacon Roofing Supply, Dycom Industries, WageWorks)
Financials	11.4%	-0.1%	
Energy	3.8%	+1.6%	Carrizo Oil & Gas
Consumer Staples	1.6%	-1.8%	(Calavo Growers)
Real Estate	0.0%	0.0%	
Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	
Communication Services	0.0%	0.0%	
Materials	0.0%	0.0%	

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾

Company Name	Average Weight ⁽²⁾	Contribution to Return	Comments
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TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—SMALL CAP GROWTH

Paycom Software	2.02%	0.97%	The company reported results ahead of expectations, as revenue growth reaccelerated. Moreover, the company raised revenue guidance for the remainder of the year.
iRobot	1.31%	0.81%	iRobot's earnings and revenues were meaningfully ahead of estimates that led to a significant revaluation of the stock. With the valuation at the upper end of its historical range, we sold our position.
Alarm.com Holdings	2.00%	0.77%	Second quarter results exceeded expectations, as the company saw strong subscription growth for its monitoring services and video hardware products.
Paylocity	2.06%	0.66%	A better-than-expected earnings report and increased annual revenue guidance fueled the stock's gain during the quarter. The company also raised its long-term profitability forecast.
Universal Insurance Holdings	1.90%	0.64%	The company reported earnings above expectations, as premiums written showed solid growth both in Florida and in new geographies.

BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—SMALL CAP GROWTH

Supernus Pharmaceuticals	1.68%	-0.38%	Although the company reported earnings ahead of estimates, competitive fears for its key migraine medication pressured the stock. We believe these fears are fully reflected in the stock and remain holders.
Shutterstock	0.92%	-0.28%	The company saw decelerating growth in its core business, leading us to sell our position after the outperformance the stock posted this year.
Dycom Industries	0.72%	-0.25%	Dycom missed earnings expectations, as spending by its largest customers remained choppy. We sold our position, as the fundamentals were more volatile than expected.
Movado Group	0.68%	-0.25%	The company reported in-line results for the second quarter, but investor expectations were high. The outlook for the company has not changed and we maintain our position.
Littelfuse	1.70%	-0.23%	Weaker auto sales and potential tariffs from China have pressured the stock. However, we believe these issues will be manageable for the company and continue to hold our position.

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

U.S. economy, as officials estimated gross domestic product to rise 3.1% in 2018, an upward revision from the 2.8% projection back in June. Their forecast for 2019 also moved higher by 0.1 percentage points to 2.5%.

Thus far, rising interest rates have done little to derail the bull market in stocks, due in large part to very good economic data. Annualized real GDP growth in the second quarter was +4.2%, its strongest growth since 2014, and the Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) remains in a solid uptrend. Consumer confidence readings are among the highest levels recorded since the late 1990s, and the unemployment rate is the lowest in over 40 years.

Business confidence is also very high, due in part to current economic conditions, but also due to improved expectations. The number of significant new regulations for businesses published by

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the Federal Government has fallen to the lowest levels since the early 1980s, suggesting moderate regulatory costs going forward. The tax legislation passed late last year has resulted in the lowest corporate tax rate since the 1940s, leading to higher corporate cash flows now and into the future.

As was the case last quarter, we see uncertainty about the future direction of U.S. trade policy as being a potential risk to the currently positive economic environment. However, we believe that the current fundamental backdrop for stocks remains positive.

The Small Cap Growth portfolio generated a positive return during the third quarter of 2018 and outperformed the Russell 2000 Growth Index. The Index also reported a positive return in the quarter, which saw 10 of the 11 sectors post gains, with only the Energy sector declining during the period. The relative performance of the Small Cap Growth portfolio was broad based and saw positive contributions from the Industrials, Information Technology, Financials, Materials, Consumer Staples, Energy and Real Estate sectors. Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services and Health Care were negative contributors, with Utilities neutral to performance.

Trading during the quarter led to numerous sector weight changes. The weights in Consumer Discretionary, Energy, Health Care and Industrials increased during the quarter, while Information Technology, Consumer Staples and Financials decreased.

A new position added during the quarter was **Semtech** (SMTC). Semtech is a semiconductor supplier focused on three main areas. First, they provide signal integrity chips that are broadly used in the telecommunications industry. They have a strong market-share position within the industry, and faster connection speeds in both the wired and wireless end markets create a larger revenue opportunity for them. Second, their protection chips protect other semiconductors from unwanted electrical charges. Finally, they provide low power, long range networking chips that are seeing strong growth from the proliferation of devices connected to the Internet. This is a relatively new area of growth for the company and is expected to experience rapid expansion for a number of years. The company is enjoying demand improvement across a number of end markets this year, and we believe the stock to be attractively valued.

Another company added this quarter was **Marriott Vacations Worldwide** (VAC), which develops, markets and sells vacation ownership products on a global basis. Moreover, they also manage over 100 resort properties for over 650,000 owners. The company recently closed the acquisition of ILG, Inc. that brings the Hyatt Residence Club under their management. The combined entity expects over \$75 million in cost synergies and additional revenue benefits as well. With unemployment at historically low levels and wage gains accelerating, consumer discretionary spending looks very healthy. Additionally, Marriott Vacations is well positioned to capitalize on the increasing interest in travel and other “experience” spending.

Tenneco (TEN), a supplier to the automotive industry, was sold during the quarter. The company’s profitability was under pressure due to rising raw material costs, mainly steel, which was impacted by tariffs. Moreover, the company was in the process of acquiring Federal Mogul, a private company owned by Icahn Enterprises. The combined entity had a higher debt level and needed increased investments to improve certain areas of the business. With an uncertain outlook for the combined entity and higher steel costs, we sold our position in the company. **Calavo Growers** (CVGW) was also sold due to its extended valuation and drop in our ranking system.

During the third quarter the bull market in stocks, which began in March 2009, became the longest bull market in recent history (a bull market is defined as an uptrend unbroken by any decline of 20% or more). Clearly, bull markets do not last forever, but the fundamental backdrop of the stock market is thus far inconsistent with a market top. As a comparison, at the end of the 1990-2000 bull market, which previously held the record as the longest bull market, the P/E ratio of the S&P 500 stood at 28.9x, and the yield on 10-year Treasury bonds was 6.0%. In contrast, today’s levels are 22.0x and 3.1%, respectively.

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Much of the market advance thus far in 2018 can be explained by extraordinarily strong corporate profit growth. Corporate profits rose 25% in both the first and second quarters of this year, due in part to improved economic conditions as well as the aforementioned reduction in corporate tax rates. While profit growth is still expected to be robust, growth rates are expected to decline to more normal levels over the next several quarters. This slowdown may not necessarily derail the bull market, but could result in a higher level of investor risk aversion in the later part of the year.

To this point, however, investors for the most part have not been shy about embracing risk. Through the first nine months of 2018, unprofitable companies have more than doubled the return of the Index as a whole, while companies selling at lower multiples of earnings have actually slightly declined. This performance spread in favor of unprofitable companies is unusual, although it did occur to an even greater degree during the Technology bubble of late 1999. We continue to favor growth companies that are selling at reasonable valuations and believe that maintaining this investment discipline will continue to lead to good risk-adjusted, long-term returns.

Given the use of the term “bubble” in the preceding paragraph, it might be worth revisiting a subject from our fourth quarter 2017 review: cryptocurrencies. In that review, we noted that “While intriguing from an intellectual standpoint, we believe that the Bitcoin phenomenon is more akin to a speculative bubble than a replacement for traditional currencies.” An index of the 10 largest cryptocurrencies subsequently peaked in price on January 4, and since then has declined by 73%. This decline is similar to the speculative bubble that occurred in the NASDAQ Stock Index after it peaked in March 2000. Our takeaway from these examples is a healthy level of caution and skepticism regarding new financial instruments and highly priced stocks. Many times the most popular investments chosen by investors provide disappointing future returns.

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S&P 500 Index—The S&P 500 Stock Index Is a market capitalization weighted index and consists of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry group representation.

Leading Economic Indicators Index (LEI)—The LEI is an index published monthly by the Conference Board that is intended to predict future economic activity. Typically, three consecutive monthly LEI changes in the same direction suggest a turning point in the economy.

NASDAQ Composite Index—The NASDAQ Composite Index is the market capitalization-weighted index of over 3,300 common equities listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange.

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GICS[®] SECTOR INFORMATION

The S&P Dow Jones and MSCI Indices have updated their Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) sector scheme. Under the changes, certain companies from Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology sectors were combined with the existing Telecommunication Services companies to form the new Communication Services sector. For Renaissance reporting purposes, all strategies will reflect the new sector classifications as of 9/30/18. The historical sector weights were not retroactively adjusted to reflect the new scheme.

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GIPS Compliant Presentation Small Cap Growth Institutional Composite

Year	As of Year End or Current Quarter									
	Small Cap Growth Institutional Composite		Small Cap Growth Institutional Composite	Russell 2000 Growth Benchmark	Net Composite 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	Benchmark 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	Annual Asset Weighted Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios in Composite	Market Value of Composite (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's Assets (Millions) **
	Gross-of-Fee Return	Net-of-Fee Return	Net-of-Fee Return	Return	Standard Deviation	Standard Deviation	Composite Dispersion	Portfolios in Composite	Value of Composite (Millions)	Firm's Assets (Millions) **
1996	27.01%		26.28%	11.28%			NMF*	2	\$1.2	\$1,525.4
1997	27.68%		26.88%	12.95%			2.13	7	\$3.6	\$1,373.3
1998	-12.41%		-13.02%	1.23%			3.37	8	\$5.2	\$1,390.0
1999	2.49%		1.85%	43.09%			1.67	6	\$4.7	\$1,211.9
2000	9.81%		9.19%	-22.43%			NMF*	5	\$4.3	\$736.7
2001	15.86%		15.26%	-9.23%			NMF*	4	\$6.6	\$526.7
2002	-12.75%		-13.24%	-30.26%			1.21	16	\$8.7	\$415.7
2003	56.14%		55.37%	48.54%			2.04	13	\$53.7	\$575.2
2004	17.29%		16.35%	14.31%			1.03	24	\$77.1	\$908.2
2005	6.31%		5.46%	4.15%			0.74	28	\$215.9	\$2,796.6
2006	7.96%		7.15%	13.35%			0.50	28	\$318.6	\$5,450.2
2007	-1.12%		-1.89%	7.05%			1.13	19	\$275.2	\$7,661.8
2008	-42.52%		-43.06%	-38.54%			0.08	8	\$39.9	\$4,358.6
2009	19.76%		18.72%	34.47%			NMF*	2	\$1.1	\$4,403.0
2010	30.12%		29.16%	29.09%			NMF*	2	\$1.2	\$3,800.2
2011	0.03%		-0.72%	-2.91%	22.86%	24.31%	NMF*	2	\$1.0	\$2,862.3
2012	15.38%		14.48%	14.59%	21.15%	20.72%	NMF*	1	\$1.1	\$2,409.8
2013	57.63%		56.42%	43.30%	17.61%	17.27%	NMF*	1	\$1.5	\$2,767.7
2014	7.78%		6.96%	5.60%	13.98%	13.82%	NMF*	3	\$1.5	\$2,986.2
2015	5.10%		4.47%	-1.38%	14.56%	14.95%	NMF*	5	\$1.7	\$2,703.8
2016	13.04%		12.66%	11.32%	14.44%	16.67%	NMF*	7	\$0.7	\$1,762.0
2017	28.25%		27.91%	22.17%	12.74%	14.59%	NMF*	3	\$0.9	\$2,202.4
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* Not meaningful figure due to five or fewer accounts invested for the entire year.

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