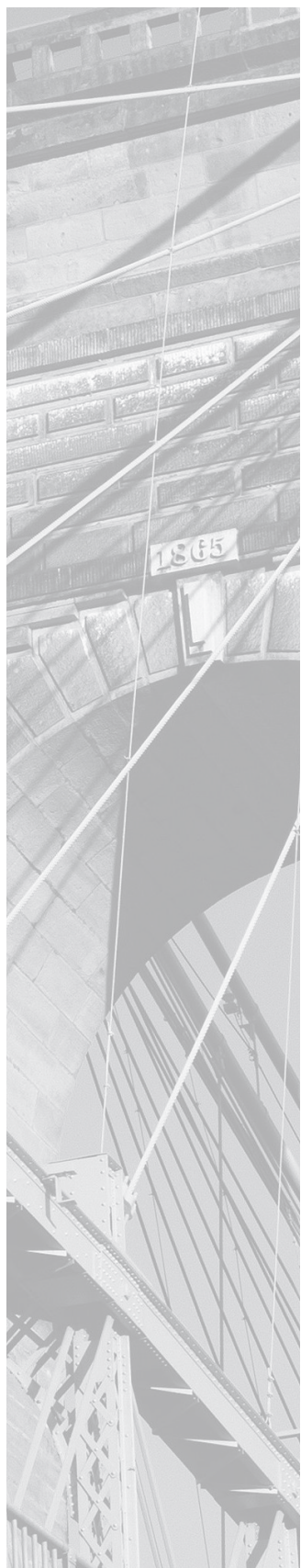


# Large Cap Growth Month-End Performance Review



There was no shortage of excitement in October. From trade wars, immigration, financial market turmoil and the customary incendiary rhetoric ahead of mid-term elections, it was easy to lose sight of the continued strength in the U.S. economy as U.S. GDP grew a solid 3.5% in the third quarter. Consumer spending added 2.7% and a buildup in inventories added 2.1%, offsetting a 1.8% trade deficit. More encouragingly, there is now evidence that the strong economy is finally benefitting lower-skilled workers. According to the Labor Department, weekly earnings for the lowest-paid Americans grew over 5% versus the median wage growth of 1.7%, with the biggest beneficiaries being those with less than a high school education, as labor shortages are most acute in blue-collar and low-paying service jobs. Wage inflation has been around 3% recently despite an unemployment rate of 3.7%, a 50-year low. However, Amazon recently made news when it increased its minimum wage to \$15 per hour for its 250,000 employees. True to form, this likely hurts their competitors even more as Amazon further automates, while Walmart now faces wage pressures for its 1.5 million employees.

## PERFORMANCE

	Month Ending 10/31/18	Year-to-Date 10/31/18
Institutional Composite (gross)	-7.33%	0.54%
(net)	-7.35%	0.35%
Russell 1000 Growth <sup>(4)</sup>	-8.94%	6.62%

Source: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, FTSE Russell

## SECTOR WEIGHTS & PORTFOLIO CHANGES<sup>(1)</sup>

Sector	Ending Weight <sup>(2)</sup>	Change from 9/30/18	Large Cap Growth Additions & (Large Cap Growth Deletions) <sup>(3)</sup>
Information Technology	32.6%	+1.8%	Cognizant Tech Solutions
Health Care	17.8%	-0.1%	
Consumer Discretionary	14.8%	+2.4%	Burlington Stores
Industrials	14.0%	-2.6%	(Masco)
Financials	9.1%	-1.6%	(Charles Schwab)
Communication Services	8.9%	+0.2%	
Materials	2.8%	-0.1%	
Real Estate	0.0%	0.0%	
Consumer Staples	0.0%	0.0%	
Energy	0.0%	0.0%	
Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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<sup>(4)</sup>Primary benchmark.

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### CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN<sup>(1)(3)</sup>

Company Name	Average Weight <sup>(2)</sup>	Contribution to Return	Comments
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#### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—LARGE CAP GROWTH

Burlington Stores	1.65%	0.23%	The stock reacted positively to the Sears bankruptcy, as Sears' inventory liquidation will provide product, and store reductions will help drive traffic to discount retailers.
Xilinx	1.93%	0.16%	The company posted solid operating results and is on track to benefit from machine learning acceleration and the upcoming 5th generation wireless technology launch.
Comcast	1.63%	0.14%	The company reported solid operating results driven by renewed focus on growing high-speed Internet subscribers. Video subscriber losses were also better than expected.
Dollar General	1.82%	0.05%	Investors gravitated toward defensive companies during the market correction, and Dollar General's focus on selling core essentials gives them better stability and visibility.
Cigna	1.98%	0.05%	The company reported solid earnings driven by better membership and medical costs metrics. In addition, Goldman Sachs added Cigna to their Conviction Buy List.

#### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—LARGE CAP GROWTH

Southwest Airlines	1.88%	-0.45%	The company gave preliminary 2019 guidance that showed an unexpected pickup in cost inflation. Investors are worried Southwest will not raise fares to cover these costs.
Celgene	1.79%	-0.39%	Despite reporting solid earnings, the stock sold off in sympathy with a sell-off in biotechnology stocks, as investors reverted to a risk-off strategy during the market correction.
IBM	1.38%	-0.36%	IBM missed revenue expectations, as growth in their Strategic Imperatives slowed. The acquisition of Red Hat for \$34 billion also negatively impacted the stock.
Activision Blizzard	1.87%	-0.33%	The stock underperformed, as it consolidated some of its September gains following the successful launch of "Call of Duty: Black Ops 4".
Lockheed Martin	1.87%	-0.29%	Lockheed underperformed on a potential slowdown in defense spending and on fears that the murder of a prominent journalist puts the company's Saudi Arabian sales in jeopardy.

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

On the downside, interest rates accelerated upwards due to solid economic data with the 10-year Treasury yield now approaching 3.25%. The rise in yields has resulted in 10-year Treasuries underperforming stocks this year, as the prices of bonds move inversely to rising yields. The rise in yields also affects highly leveraged and unprofitable companies, who depend on low rates to finance operations. In October, Sears Holdings filed for bankruptcy protection, which should not come as a surprise given that Sears is highly levered and has been unprofitable for almost seven years. What does matter is that Sears is symptomatic of the large number of zombie companies that have survived by borrowing at artificially low interest rates. That game changes with rising interest rates, as companies actually have to earn a return on capital to survive.

The S&P 500 declined 6.84% in October, marking the biggest monthly decline in seven years. This correction occurred despite a solid earnings season where 78% of the companies in the S&P 500

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that have reported thus far have reported stronger-than-expected earnings (*Source: Factset*). While rising bond yields following the September Fed rate hike initially drove the market sell-off, traditionally defensive, low beta sectors (e.g., Utilities, Real Estate and Consumer Staples) have outperformed. This is indicative of a defensive, risk-off move and suggests that rising interest rates were the likely trigger. Furthermore, the FANG stocks, which have driven the stock market for the better part of two years, have uncharacteristically started to show chinks in the armor over the last two quarters. While Netflix (NFLX) beat investor expectations following last quarter's disappointment, **Facebook** (FB) continues to show decelerating user growth and Amazon (AMZN) missed growth expectations for the second straight quarter with nearly every business segment decelerating. **Alphabet** (GOOGL) also reported revenues that missed expectations as ad sales growth (the majority of revenues) slowed.

During October, the Russell 1000 Growth declined 8.9% with the underperformance driven by the Technology sector and a handful of mega-cap Internet stocks. We outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth benchmark predominately because of stock selection, given our focus on owning growth companies at reasonable valuations. We made several changes to the portfolio during the month, as we initiated new positions in **Burlington Stores** (BURL) and **Cognizant Technology** (CTSH). Burlington Stores operates a nationwide chain of off-price retail stores. We believe the company can drive industry-leading earnings growth through new store openings and margin expansion with new product categories. Cognizant is a direct beneficiary of the tectonic move to cloud computing and the secular shift to IT offshoring. We expect Cognizant to accelerate revenue growth as companies increase their reliance on IT specialists such as Cognizant to manage the evolution of their IT infrastructure. Conversely, we sold our positions in **Masco** (MAS) and **Charles Schwab** (SCHW) primarily because of a deterioration in fundamental factors.

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Year	As of Year End or Current Quarter			Not 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) ***
	Large Cap Growth Institutional Composite Gross-of-Fee Return	Large Cap Growth Institutional Composite Net-of-Fee Return	Russell 1000 Growth Benchmark Return						
1991*	15.30%	14.93%	20.88%			NMF**	2	\$8.8	\$1,417.3
1992	11.12%	10.26%	4.99%			NMF**	2	\$7.3	\$1,450.2
1993	6.06%	5.43%	2.87%			NMF**	5	\$14.0	\$1,529.2
1994	-3.16%	-3.68%	2.62%			0.11	7	\$20.2	\$1,393.1
1995	35.68%	34.98%	37.18%			1.37	7	\$26.3	\$1,538.1
1996	24.47%	23.81%	23.12%			0.55	8	\$25.5	\$1,525.4
1997	36.59%	35.84%	30.49%			2.20	10	\$26.0	\$1,373.3
1998	30.41%	29.66%	38.71%			3.18	20	\$79.1	\$1,390.0
1999	10.74%	10.07%	33.16%			1.50	28	\$38.2	\$1,211.9
2000	-14.34%	-14.87%	-22.42%			2.63	20	\$27.9	\$736.7
2001	-10.86%	-11.36%	-20.42%			1.00	15	\$25.5	\$526.7
2002	-14.08%	-14.57%	-27.88%			1.02	13	\$19.6	\$415.7
2003	47.07%	46.41%	29.75%			1.08	22	\$29.7	\$575.2
2004	18.85%	18.17%	6.30%			1.12	19	\$97.2	\$908.2
2005	9.80%	9.41%	5.26%			0.92	32	\$269.6	\$2,796.6
2006	5.36%	4.78%	9.07%			0.53	62	\$605.2	\$5,450.2
2007	11.86%	11.29%	11.81%			0.29	79	\$1,308.4	\$7,661.8
2008	-36.05%	-36.32%	-38.44%			0.40	66	\$916.6	\$4,358.6
2009	22.68%	22.19%	37.21%			0.62	60	\$1,138.2	\$4,403.0
2010	16.97%	16.55%	16.71%			0.56	30	\$1,026.8	\$3,800.2
2011	-3.67%	-3.97%	2.64%	19.62%	17.76%	0.34	29	\$996.9	\$2,862.3
2012	18.52%	18.21%	15.26%	18.99%	15.66%	0.15	16	\$823.0	\$2,409.8
2013	36.28%	35.93%	33.48%	15.58%	12.18%	0.19	15	\$973.4	\$2,767.7
2014	21.10%	20.79%	10.72%	10.72%	9.59%	0.12	18	\$1,122.1	\$2,986.2
2015	0.46%	0.21%	5.67%	11.08%	10.70%	0.19	22	\$984.5	\$2,703.8
2016	9.31%	9.03%	7.08%	12.19%	11.15%	0.26	22	\$1,034.7	\$1,762.0
2017	23.04%	22.75%	30.21%	11.10%	10.54%	0.35	15	\$1,390.4	\$2,202.4
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\* For period July 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991.  
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