

# Midcap Growth Quarter-End Review—2Q2022



Rising interest rates and surging inflation combined to contribute to falling stock and bond prices in the second quarter. The financial market weakness was exacerbated by signs of weakening economic growth and the ongoing war in Ukraine. The S&P 500 declined for the quarter on a total return basis, with the steepest declines coming from the Communication Services, Information Technology, and Consumer Discretionary sectors. The Consumer Staples, Energy, and Utilities sectors posted only slight declines for the quarter. Ten-year U.S. Treasury bond yields surged 0.79% to 3.11%, resulting in another significantly negative quarterly return for fixed income indices.

U.S. stocks suffered one of the worst first-half performances on record, with the S&P 500 entering a bear market in the second quarter after declining more than 20% from its record high in January. The second quarter saw worse-than-expected inflation numbers, leading the Federal

## PERFORMANCE

	Quarter Ending 6/30/2022	Year-to-Date as of 6/30/2022
Institutional Composite (gross)	-13.09%	-21.79%
(net)	-13.11%	-21.83%
Russell Midcap Growth <sup>(1)</sup>	-21.07%	-31.00%

<sup>(1)</sup> Primary benchmark. All other benchmarks are supplemental information.  
Sources: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, FTSE Russell, S&P Dow Jones

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

Sector	Ending Weight <sup>(2)</sup>	Change from 3/31/2022	Midcap Growth Additions & (Midcap Growth Deletions) <sup>(3)</sup>
Information Technology	33.4%	-2.2%	(MKS Instruments)
Health Care	22.0%	+2.2%	Waters
Industrials	13.9%	-1.9%	(TransUnion)
Consumer Discretionary	8.7%	-3.0%	Expedia Group (lululemon athletica, Polaris)
Consumer Staples	7.9%	+3.9%	Brown-Forman, Darling Ingredients
Financials	5.6%	+2.2%	Arch Capital, FactSet Research Systems (Moody's)
Real Estate	4.1%	0.0%	
Cash	2.8%	+0.9%	
Energy	1.5%	-0.5%	Pioneer Natural Resources (Continental Resources)
Materials	0.0%	-1.5%	(RPM International)
Communication Services	0.0%	0.0%	
Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	

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Sources: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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## CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Ticker	Company Name	Average Weight <sup>(3)</sup>	Contribution to Return
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### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—MIDCAP GROWTH

CLR	Continental Resources	1.83%	0.50%
MCK	McKesson	2.15%	0.12%
PII	Polaris	0.76%	0.10%
AZO	AutoZone	1.92%	0.10%
BFA	Brown-Forman	0.43%	0.09%

### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—MIDCAP GROWTH

EXPE	Expedia Group	1.43%	-0.96%
ANET	Arista Networks	1.76%	-0.66%
IDXX	IDEXX Laboratories	1.31%	-0.56%
HZNP	Horizon Therapeutics	1.91%	-0.50%
PANW	Palo Alto Networks	2.08%	-0.49%

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Reserve to tighten more aggressively and igniting a sharp decline in high-growth, high-multiple stocks, given their impact on valuation discount rates. For the second quarter, the S&P 500 declined 16.1% and the Russell Midcap Growth declined 21.1%. Larger cap stocks continued to outperform smaller cap stocks and Value continued to outperform Growth. Not surprisingly, Consumer Staples and Utilities were the top performing sectors, benefiting from a rotation into more stable stocks. Conversely, Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors were the largest detractors from performance. For the quarter, our focus on high-quality growth stocks acquired at attractive valuations led our portfolio to outperform the Russell Midcap Growth benchmark.

**Continental Resources** (CLR) was the top contributor to our performance in the second quarter. The company benefited from several factors, including heightened oil supply worries following the Russian invasion of Ukraine and continued strong demand for crude oil. We remain encouraged by Continental's capital return strategy, as the company continues to return cash to shareholders. **McKesson** (MCK) was another strong performer. The company reported solid quarterly results and also benefited from a rotation into stocks with stable and predictable business model, a desirable attribute in the current economic environment. Lastly, **AutoZone** (AZO) gained after reporting strong quarterly results that saw solid same-store-sales growth, despite tough year-over-year comparisons. In addition, AutoZone continues to see healthy consumer trends, as high used car prices and worsening inflationary trends, are pushing customers to repair their current cars themselves.



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On the negative side, **Expedia Group** (EXPE) declined after reporting first quarter operating results that disappointed heightened expectations. Despite increasing demand for travel worldwide, Expedia still felt the impact from Omicron early in the quarter, while the Russian invasion of Ukraine slowed parts of its European travel business. In addition, the company intends to increase marketing expenses to take advantage of travel demand, limiting positive earnings revisions in the near-term. **Arista Networks** (ANET) fell despite reporting solid operating results in a strong-demand environment and issuing guidance that exceeded expectations. The stock is experiencing short-term headwinds as investors indiscriminately sell higher-valuation technology stocks irrespective of their growth profiles. While we were disappointed with the stock's performance, we remain encouraged by the strong demand for the company's products that remain essential to the secular growth of cloud computing. Lastly, **IDEXX Laboratories** (IDXX) declined. The company reported first quarter operating results below expectations and reduced its full-year guidance as well. While the reduced expectations are due to capacity and labor constraints rather than slowing demand, the reality is that earnings estimates are being revised lower.

During the second quarter, we made several changes to further improve the overall quality of the portfolio. We added a new position in the Health Care sector with **Arch Capital Group** (ACGL), a Bermuda-domiciled insurance company specializing in property and casualty, re-insurance, and mortgage insurance. We believe Arch Capital will benefit from an increasingly favorable underwriting market as pricing continues to recover off pandemic lows. The company is also levered to higher interest rates, which should help grow net interest income from its investment portfolio. Conversely, we sold our position in **Polaris Industries** (PII) following a deterioration in fundamental factors. From a qualitative perspective, we were concerned about the tough growth comparisons against COVID-related stimulus spending last year as well as ongoing supply chain pressures. Furthermore, Polaris is facing a general slowdown in macro-economic growth and worsening consumer sentiment.

Although the markets have faced a number of headwinds thus far in 2022, inflation has perhaps been the most problematic. The annual rate of change in the Consumer Price Index was 8.6% in May, its highest reading in 40 years. Importantly, the level of future inflation expectations amongst investors, as measured by the 10-Year Treasury breakeven rate, was significantly lower, implying a consensus belief that the rate of inflation will likely recede over the long term. However, even inflation expectations were in a meaningful uptrend over most of the past quarter.

Perhaps belatedly, the Federal Reserve has become markedly more concerned about inflation over the past several quarters. On June 15, the Fed raised the federal funds rate by 0.75%, its largest increase in 28 years, bringing it to around 1.50%. Fed Chair Jerome Powell highlighted in his comments that the Fed's primary focus is on bringing down inflation in a "clear and convincing" manner over the next few months. The Fed projects the fed funds rate to reach 3.4% in 2022, aligning rates with current market expectations. While this would tighten economic conditions and increase borrowing costs for consumers and corporations, it would also presumably contribute to lowering the rate of inflation to more normal levels.

While a weakening economy would clearly be a negative for equity markets in the short term, successfully reducing the rate of inflation would be a significant long-term positive. It is important to point out that when the Fed announced its unusually large rate increase in June, an action that typically might result in stock market weakness, the S&P 500 actually posted a 1.5% gain for the day despite Fed Chairman Powell's comments that he would expect next month's meeting to also result in a 0.50% or 0.75% rate hike. We believe that this is an indication that the markets strongly favor an aggressive monetary stance against inflation. Importantly, the 10-year Treasury breakeven rate, which reflects long-term inflation expectations, dropped 0.37% between the Fed's decision and the end of the quarter.

# Midcap Growth

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Stock market valuations have significantly improved over the past several quarters, and we continue to find good investment opportunities among reasonably priced growth companies. Market volatility is likely to continue in the months ahead, but we believe that a disciplined and patient investment approach is likely to continue to result in good long-term returns.

The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) defines a recession as “a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and that lasts more than a few months.” By that standard, the U.S. economy is on the cusp of a recession or has already entered one. Actual GDP growth for the first quarter was -1.6%, and estimates for the second quarter, while positive, have been trimmed recently by many economists due to rising inflation and interest rates. The consensus growth estimates for GDP for calendar years 2022 and 2023 have steadily declined over the first half of this year.

While GDP forecasts have been declining, earnings estimates for S&P 500 companies have been trending moderately upward. As of the end of June, consensus estimates for earnings for calendar years 2022 and 2023 are up 2.5% and 2.1% respectively, from the beginning of the year. Rising estimates for corporate earnings in the face of declining estimates for economic growth appear to be contradictory, and we expect earnings growth estimates will be trimmed in the coming months.

All of the market decline thus far in 2022 can be attributed to P/E contraction. While trailing four-quarter earnings for the S&P 500 have increased 21.4% from the levels of last June, the P/E ratio (based on the same earnings) of the S&P has dropped from 26.1x on 6/30/2021 to 19.0x as of 6/30/2022. This 27% decline in P/E over a brief period is extremely unusual, ranking in the lowest 4% of monthly observations since 1955.

We reviewed the performance history of the S&P 500 since 1955, breaking down 12-month periods on the basis of the change in the market P/E over the preceding 12 months. Historically, declines in the market P/E of 20% or more were followed by better-than-average returns over the following 12 months, and a higher percentage of positive returns were posted over the same period.

As noted, the S&P has dropped more than 20% this year in only a six-month period. We reviewed the price performance of the S&P 500 in the post-World War II era (since 1946), looking at every six-month percentage change in S&P 500 price. When the S&P 500 dropped 15% or more over a six-month period, the average returns over the following 6, 12, 24, and 36 months were well above average.

History is an imperfect guide for the future and, clearly, high inflation and rising interest rates present a challenge for the financial markets. However, an objective review of historical market returns can present a disciplined framework for analyzing the risks and opportunities presented in the current investment environment.

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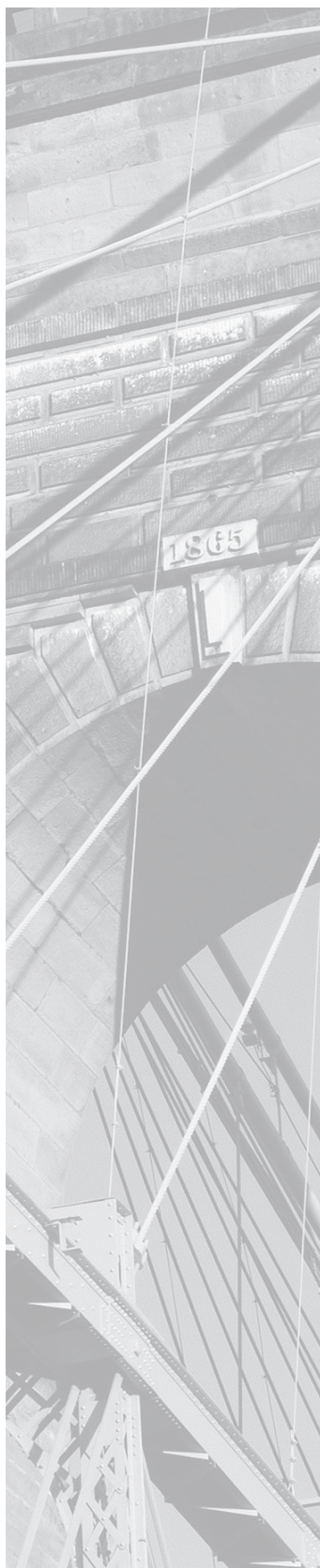
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# GIPS Report Renaissance Midcap Growth Institutional Composite

Year	Midcap Growth Institutional Composite			Net Composite 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	Benchmark 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	As of Year End or Current Quarter					
	Gross-of-Fee Return	Net-of-Fee Return	Russell Mid Cap Growth Benchmark Return			Annual Asset Weighted Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios in Composite	Market Value of Composite (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's GIPS Assets (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's AUA (Millions)	Market Value of Total Firm AUM (Millions) **
2000	-17.52%	-18.32%	-11.75%			NMF*	2	\$6.6	\$736.7	\$0.0	\$736.7
2001	-9.30%	-10.09%	-20.15%			NMF*	2	\$5.9	\$526.7	\$0.0	\$526.7
2002	-13.49%	-14.23%	-27.41%			NMF*	2	\$5.0	\$415.7	\$0.0	\$415.7
2003	48.32%	47.17%	42.71%			NMF*	2	\$7.3	\$575.1	\$10.3	\$585.4
2004	22.89%	21.90%	15.48%			NMF*	2	\$10.8	\$908.5	\$38.8	\$947.3
2005	12.79%	12.06%	12.10%			NMF*	2	\$23.8	\$2,796.6	\$56.0	\$2,852.6
2006	4.06%	3.51%	10.66%			NMF*	2	\$26.2	\$5,450.2	\$565.4	\$6,015.5
2007	17.06%	16.31%	11.43%			NMF*	3	\$16.6	\$7,661.8	\$1,098.7	\$8,760.5
2008	-45.98%	-46.31%	-44.32%			NMF*	3	\$8.2	\$4,358.6	\$766.0	\$5,124.6
2009	36.23%	35.66%	46.29%			NMF*	1	\$0.1	\$4,403.0	\$860.3	\$5,263.3
2010	20.88%	20.72%	26.38%			NMF*	1	\$0.1	\$3,800.2	\$833.4	\$4,633.6
2011	1.04%	0.97%	-1.65%	20.96%	20.82%	NMF*	1	\$0.2	\$2,862.3	\$836.1	\$3,698.4
2012	13.37%	13.28%	15.81%	19.66%	17.91%	NMF*	1	\$0.2	\$2,409.8	\$969.9	\$3,379.7
2013	41.69%	41.55%	35.74%	16.15%	14.62%	NMF*	1	\$0.3	\$2,767.7	\$1,190.3	\$3,958.0
2014	15.12%	15.01%	11.90%	11.64%	10.87%	NMF*	1	\$0.3	\$2,986.2	\$1,347.8	\$4,334.0
2015	-0.97%	-0.97%	-0.20%	11.63%	11.31%	NMF*	1	\$0.3	\$2,703.8	\$1,534.0	\$4,237.8
2016	8.50%	8.39%	7.33%	12.29%	12.18%	NMF*	1	\$0.3	\$1,762.0	\$2,686.1	\$4,448.1
2017	18.54%	18.42%	25.27%	10.86%	10.89%	NMF*	1	\$0.4	\$2,202.4	\$3,281.7	\$5,484.1
2018	-7.83%	-7.92%	-4.75%	12.70%	12.82%	NMF*	1	\$0.4	\$1,682.2	\$2,517.0	\$4,199.2
2019	33.14%	33.01%	35.47%	13.52%	13.88%	NMF*	1	\$0.5	\$883.1	\$2,656.5	\$3,539.6
2020	24.48%	24.36%	35.59%	19.44%	21.45%	NMF*	1	\$0.6	\$879.0	\$2,177.1	\$3,056.1
2021	29.95%	29.82%	12.73%	17.79%	20.19%	NMF*	1	\$0.8	\$977.0	\$2,128.6	\$3,105.6
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