

Midcap Growth Quarter-End Review—3Q2022



The U.S. stock market began the third quarter on an encouraging note, with major market indices extending the rally from mid-June lows on speculative hopes that the Federal Reserve would pivot from its current monetary tightening cycle. However, with elevated inflation data showing no signs of peaking, Chairman

Jerome Powell made it clear at the end of August that the Federal Reserve remains resolute on bringing down inflation to the Fed's target levels and subsequently raised the Fed Funds rate by another 75 basis points. U.S. stocks then took a vicious turn downwards, with the S&P 500 dropping 9.2% in September, the worst monthly return since March 2020. The late-quarter sell-off in September resulted in the third straight quarter of negative returns for the S&P 500, an ominous streak we haven't seen since the Global Financial Crisis in 2008-2009.

For the third quarter, the S&P 500 declined 4.9% and the Russell Midcap Growth declined 0.7%. Smaller cap stocks did better than larger cap stocks and Growth outperformed Value. The Consumer Discretionary and Energy sectors were the best performing sectors

PERFORMANCE

	Quarter Ending 9/30/2022	Year-to-Date as of 9/30/2022
Institutional Composite (gross)	-0.40%	-22.10%
(net)	-0.43%	-22.16%
Russell Midcap Growth ⁽¹⁾	-0.65%	-31.45%

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

SECTOR WEIGHTS & PORTFOLIO CHANGES⁽¹⁾

Sector	Ending Weight ⁽²⁾	Change from 6/30/2022	Midcap Growth Additions & (Midcap Growth Deletions) ⁽³⁾
Information Technology	33.9%	+0.5%	
Health Care	21.3%	-0.7%	
Industrials	15.0%	+1.1%	TransDigm Group (Vertiv Holdings)
Consumer Staples	9.8%	+1.9%	BJ's Wholesale Club
Consumer Discretionary	7.2%	-1.5%	(Expedia)
Financials	5.8%	+0.1%	
Energy	3.2%	+1.7%	Diamondback Energy
Cash	2.0%	-0.7%	
Real Estate	1.8%	-2.4%	(SBA Communications)
Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	
Materials	0.0%	0.0%	
Communication Services	0.0%	0.0%	

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CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Ticker	Company Name	Average Weight ⁽³⁾	Contribution to Return
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TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—MIDCAP GROWTH

EPAM	EPAM Systems	1.98%	0.40%
VRT	Vertiv Holdings	0.44%	0.40%
MOH	Molina Healthcare	2.23%	0.33%
ANET	Arista Networks	1.77%	0.29%
CDNS	Cadence Design Systems	1.99%	0.25%

BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—MIDCAP GROWTH

CHD	Church & Dwight	1.81%	-0.42%
TDG	TransDigm Group	0.85%	-0.36%
HZNP	Horizon Therapeutics	1.50%	-0.31%
DPZ	Domino's Pizza	1.56%	-0.30%
WAT	Waters	1.67%	-0.28%

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while Health Care and Real Estate were the worst performers. For the quarter, our focus on high-quality growth stocks acquired at attractive valuations led us to outperform the Russell Midcap Growth benchmark.

During the third quarter, we made several changes to further improve the overall quality of the portfolio. We added a new position in the Consumer Staples sector with **BJ's Wholesale Club** (BJ). The company is the third-largest warehouse club in the United States, behind Costco and Sam's Club. In a highly uncertain macro-economic environment, we like the defensive qualities of the company, including its exposure to consumer essentials, a strong balance sheet, and growing free-cash-flow generation. We also like the new store growth potential, which is set to expand faster than its largest competitors.

Conversely, we sold our position in **SBA Communications** (SBAC) following a deterioration in fundamental factors. From a qualitative perspective, we were concerned about the company's aggressive international expansion which increases currency risk, but, more importantly, signals a lack of investable growth in the U.S. market now that 5G wireless investments are slowing. We were also becoming increasingly worried about the impact that rising interest rates will have on SBA's over-levered balance sheet.

EPAM Systems (EPAM) was the top contributor to our performance in the third quarter, gaining 22.9%. The company reported strong operating results, benefiting from favorable macro trends with corporate customers accelerating their digital transition to the cloud. In

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addition, EPAM has made impressive progress with relocating its workforce from Ukraine to other Eastern European countries. **Vertiv Holdings** (VRT) was another strong performer after returning 62.9%. The company reported solid quarterly results and showed progress in managing through the raw materials inflationary environment that negatively impacted margins over the past several quarters. Lastly, **Molina Healthcare** (MOH) returned 18.0% after reporting strong quarterly results that saw solid membership growth and a favorable medical cost environment. The stock also benefited from a rotation to companies with more stable and predictable business models, a desirable attribute in the current economic environment.

On the negative side, **Church & Dwight** (CHD) declined 22.7% after reporting first quarter operating results that were below expectations. The company also lowered guidance on macro-economic concerns, with management citing softness across their product portfolio, especially for their discretionary categories, as retailers work on reducing inventory levels. **TransDigm Group** (TDG) lost 20.3% despite reporting solid operating results in a strong demand environment, driven by the resurgence of air travel demand. The stock is experiencing short-term headwinds as China remains depressed due to its zero-COVID lockdowns, and the Defense market continues to be impacted by supply chain constraints. Lastly, **Horizon Therapeutics** (HZNP) declined 22.4% after the company reported disappointing operating results as growth from the early adopters of its thyroid eye disease treatment began to slow. Management also acknowledged that the next leg of growth will require investments in distribution in order to reach new medical specialists and expand its tangible addressable market.

Consumer sentiment about inflation is significantly negative, as rising food costs and other personal expenses are readily recognizable. In contrast, financial market expectations about inflation are more moderate, as evidenced by the breakeven inflation rate measured by the spread between nominal and inflation-protected Treasury bond yields. After rising as high as 3.6% in March, inflation expectations over the next 5 years have tumbled to 2.1%, suggesting that the Fed's policies toward reducing inflation have a high degree of credibility in the financial markets.

Thus far, most of the stock market's decline this year can be attributed to declining P/E multiples, as the S&P 500 multiple based on forward earnings has declined from 21.5x at the beginning of the year to 15.3x at quarter-end (a 29% decline). However, inflation and rising interest rates are beginning to impact corporate earnings as well, and recently, consensus estimates for 2022 S&P 500 earnings have begun to level off and decline. We continue to try to identify companies that are able to post good earnings growth despite the headwinds of rising interest rates.

Market volatility will likely continue to be the norm until inflation rates begin to recede or the path of interest rates begins to stabilize. We believe that our disciplined "growth at a reasonable price" approach is especially well suited to provide good long-term investment returns in such an environment and that high-quality growth companies present good investment opportunity at current levels.

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GIPS Report Renaissance Midcap Growth Institutional Composite

Year	Midcap Growth Institutional Composite		Russell Mid Cap Growth Benchmark	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	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%	-1.07%	-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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