

US Equity Net Performance Statistics Since Inception (1/1/2011 – 6/30/2024) †

	Annualized Alpha (%)	Upside Capture (%)	Downside Capture (%)	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio
1 Year	9.0	107.1	67.8	1.7	1.8
5 Year	2.9	99.1	88.4	0.8	0.5
10 Year	1.3	97.4	92.4	0.8	0.1
SI†	0.6	99.1	96.7	0.8	0.1

†Inception date is 01/01/11. Performance from 1/1/11 through 6/30/23 occurred while Daniel Wanzenberg was the strategy's Portfolio Manager at Wanzenberg Partners, LLC (DBA APS Labs, LLC & Belridge Capital LLC). The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance was calculated by retroactively applying the highest model fee for the composite (1.25% for periods 2011 through 2018 and 1.00% thereafter).

Markets/Economy

The long-anticipated US economic soft landing occurred during the past 12 months as the economy slowed, but never entered a recession. US GDP grew 2.5% during 2023 and slowed to an annualized rate of 1.4% for the first quarter of 2024. Despite slower economic growth, the labor market remains incredibly resilient. Employed consumers have gone on spending, repelling recession for at least a little while longer. The first quarter's earnings season reveals that businesses remain in extremely good shape with 75% reporting positive earnings surprises for the first quarter. Investors have celebrated the soft landing by raising global stock markets to all-time highs. Credit spreads are tight, and most measures of capital markets volatility are restrained.

The first half of 2024 saw most equity markets return positive results, yet the broad participation seen throughout Q1 narrowed considerably in Q2. The second quarter was characterized by poor market breadth and negative performance for many indices, apart from a small group of mega-cap growth stocks with outsized index weightings that saw exceptional gains. Accordingly, the Nasdaq-100 and S&P 500 indices had strong, double-digit returns in the first half of 2024 and meaningfully outperformed Value (style), as well as mid and small cap benchmarks.

US Equity Strategy

The US Equity Strategy returned 4.9% (net of fees) compared to 3.2% for the Russell 3000 Index for the second quarter and for the first half of the year the strategy returned 18.4% vs 10.4%. Strong security selection effects have been pronounced in the strategy throughout the first half of 2024, driven primarily by the Information Technology (IT) and Healthcare sectors. IT was the leading contributor in the first half, with strong performance from NVIDIA, CrowdStrike, Arista and Microsoft.

The Healthcare (HC) and Consumer Discretionary (CD) sectors were the second and third highest contributing sectors, respectively, with Eli Lilly leading the way in HC, while Amazon was the top contributor in CD.

The Strategy had weak security selection in Consumer Staples (PepsiCo and Kenvue), Consumer Discretionary (Lowe's and McDonald's), and Industrials (United Parcel Service and Illinois Tool Works.)

Portfolio Changes

There were just a few changes to the strategy in Q2. McDonalds was sold with proceeds going to TJX. Also, NVDA continued to be trimmed in IT with Dell and IBM being added in the sector.

As of June 30, the U.S. Equity Strategy maintains outperformance (net of fees) against its benchmark over all trailing time frames, a cash position of approximately 3.5% and held 43 companies. The Strategy remains concentrated in nature but maintains exposure across all equity styles and capitalizations. As always, we emphasize security selection through our portfolio construction process and our research efforts are to seek-out and own securities of high-quality companies with long-term earnings potential, with an objective to meet our client’s long-term investment goal of capital appreciation. Thank you for your interest in Portfolio Solutions Group. We look forward to updating you again next quarter.

Best Regards,

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