

LOGAN DIVIDEND PERFORMERS PORTFOLIOS

Q1 | 2024 REVIEW¹

MARKET ENVIRONMENT

Surprisingly resilient economic growth, continued robust investor appetite for information technology stocks as well as hopes for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts led to another strong quarter for the S&P 500 Index. The first quarter's 10% gain, the best start to a year since 2019, followed a double digit return in the fourth quarter of last year. The stronger backdrop was supported by corporate earnings results from the fourth quarter, which tended to outpace analysts' expectations. Even though we have seen some slippage on the path to 2% inflation, Chairman Powell appears willing to let the economy "run hotter", continuing to forecast interest rate cuts this year helping to add optimism to market dynamics.

The positive results were broad-based, with most asset classes seeing a lift and all but one of the S&P 500 Index sectors was up in the quarter. However, similar to last year, the outsized winners remain a narrow bunch with the top seven names by market capitalization dramatically outperforming the S&P 500 Index.

In fact, the top four names ranked by contribution generated more than half of the quarterly return, leading to a challenging environment for diversified active managers. When looking at the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index, performance was a more modest 7%, still a solid absolute return for the quarter and highlighting the broad lift across sectors. Not surprisingly, growth factors were stronger in the quarter versus value factors and dividend stocks also tended to underperform the broader market index. The focus on a few large names in addition to a trend towards momentum stocks is leading to a historic valuation imbalance between dividend-paying stocks and non-dividend paying stocks.

Sector performance by contribution to Index returns during the quarter was influenced by the focus on the "Magnificent Seven" as well as a risk-on mentality fueling momentum stocks. The information technology sector was the strongest performing during the quarter followed by financials. Diversified financials and some larger banks benefited from the stronger economy and

the higher interest rates. Communication services, which tends to be dominated by social media stocks, was helped by the top three names by market capitalization as those names contributed essentially all of the performance for the sector. Notably, from an absolute return basis, energy and industrials had market-beating results, also benefiting from a more cyclical bias during the quarter.

On the negative side, sectors that tend to be more interest-sensitive and relatively more defensive lagged the overall market from a contribution standpoint. REITs, which are typically more challenged in higher interest rate environments, were the worst performing during the quarter and the only negative performing sector. Secondly, utilities, which also struggle in higher rate environments were laggards. Lastly, the materials sector was a modest laggard, due for the most part to the underperformance of a few larger names in the sector. In general, defensive characteristics such as consistent earnings and dividend growth were not rewarded in the first quarter.

¹Dividend Performers results discussed herein should be read in conjunction with the attached performance and disclosures

PORTFOLIO Review

After a relatively strong fourth quarter last year, Logan Dividend Performers reported another positive absolute return but underperformed the S&P 500 Index during the first quarter of 2024. The current market environment continues to be relatively challenging for most quality, dividend-centric managers. Similar to the market bubble experienced twenty years ago, we are seeing a wide divergence in asset class performance as well as within various stock specific factor effects. The S&P 500 Index remains heavily weighted to a handful of large information technology-related stocks, many of which are also the largest contributors to the S&P 500 Index's performance year-to-date. In addition, the exuberance with Generative AI stocks has driven up valuations of anything that may be associated with it in some way. This modern-day gold rush has effectively been stoked by a vocally accommodative Federal Reserve that has recently taken on a more dovish stance. As investors seek outsized short-term returns in Generative AI stocks, the virtues of rewarding consistent growth in earnings, cash flows and dividends have been set aside. We are seeing some of the historically largest dispersions in valuations among higher quality, predictable earnings and dividend growth stocks today. This is a near term relative performance challenge for Logan Dividend Performers, which is firmly rooted in the proven, long-term benefits of investing in stocks with steadily growing dividends.

Delving into sector attribution during the quarter, our real estate holding outperformed in a tough environment for the sector. Real estate was the

worst performing sector during the quarter, so our underweight here was also supportive. Secondly, performance in the materials sector was particularly strong. Our holding in this area continues to have relatively strong earnings growth supported by a robust project backlog. This is leading to attractive dividend growth in the high single-digits. Lastly, our utilities holdings outperformed peers in the Index, although our overweight was a drag as this was another relatively more defensive sector underperforming in the quarter.

Looking at the detractors during the quarter, our underweight in information technology was a slight headwind as was our lack of ownership in some of the largest names in the sector. Not owning one of the largest semiconductor manufacturers, which does not have a history of dividend growth, represented virtually all our underperformance. Notably, many semiconductor companies tend to lack a growing dividend and have less predictable earnings. In addition, within health care solid performance by our holdings in managed care was offset by poor near term performance by our holding in animal health. Within industrials, strong performance from our holding exposed to the growth in electrification was offset by lagging performance from a diversified industrial and railroad.

Overall, we experienced elevated volatility during the quarter in a market environment that did not favor higher quality, dividend growth stocks.

PORTFOLIO OUTLOOK

We think the debate on economic growth and

associated inflation metrics is far from decided. Last quarter, we wrote how we felt this would be a year of normalization post all of the pandemic effects. We still think this is true, but the resilience of the US economy has been impressive given the rapid deployment of monetary restraint and a new dynamic. In fact, we are seeing estimates of GDP as well as corporate earnings be revised upward for this year. It is hard to ignore the signs that manufacturers are showing stability and perhaps renewed growth as construction spending has picked up. In addition, housing and stock prices are creating a meaningful wealth effect. Much of this is rooted in the positive outcomes of technological innovation, which has been accelerated by investments in Generative AI. Bank of America recently reported that it sees capital expenditures from the top names in technology rising to nearly \$200 billion this year, while the rest of the economy is growing capital expenditures by about 1%. Lastly, it's hard not to ignore the fact that fiscal stimulus is very much still with us, driving up budget deficits and government debt, a problem that is likely left to the next US president who will be elected this November.

While its possible technology may solve all our problems, there are real stresses in the economy that could still derail the resurgent growth. Consumer strength is showing cracks as the first signs of labor weakness have surfaced. Wage growth has slowed in the midst of a contraction in new job openings. Delinquencies are up as well as bankruptcies amidst monetary tightening leading to falling loan growth and a higher cost of

financing year over year. All that excess savings from the pandemic has now turned into expensive credit card debt as consumers struggle to keep up with inflation and maintain their living standards.

The quandary for the Federal Reserve is how best to respond to the recent surge in growth and wealth while keeping the labor market alive and well. Lately it seems Chairman Powell is more interested in keeping economic growth relatively hot than the potential creation of another bubble in tech land. The risk is that the wealth generative capacity of the stock market fuels inflation, and the Fed is forced to delay interest rate cuts and actually may need to raise rates.

We would be remiss in not pointing out that all this momentum in large information technology-related stocks is leaving a wide swath of relatively undervalued stocks in the market. In fact, we see some well-known consumer staples stocks with long track records of consistent earnings and dividend growth, wide moats and strong balance sheets trade at thirty-year low price-earnings ratios relative to the S&P 500 Index. We think those disparities will be resolved in the near term. We are not calling for a recession, but we believe complacency is creeping in while our universe of higher quality, dividend growth companies look relatively attractive and represent outsized potential returns with less risk than the overall market.

Dividend growth stocks are typically favored during more volatile times and in times of more modest market returns, dividend yields along

with dividend growth can be a more meaningful part of portfolio total returns. Our portfolio dividends continue to grow double-digit on average, adding to client yield-on-cost over time.

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Year	Total Return			Number of Accounts	Composite Dispersion Gross of Fees	Composite 3- Yr Gross Std Dev	S&P 500 3-Yr Gross Std Dev	Composite 3- Yr Gross Sharpe Ratio	Assets in Composite (\$millions)	% of Firm Assets	Firm Assets (\$millions)
	Total Return Net of Fees	Pure Gross of Fees	S&P 500								
YTD 2024	3.1%	3.5%	10.6%	161	N/A	15.6%	17.6%	0.4	\$99	3.7%	\$2,679
2023	11.7%	15.0%	26.3%	151	0.4%	15.9%	17.5%	0.5	\$71	2.9%	\$2,451
2022	-11.8%	-9.1%	-18.1%	166	0.3%	19.2%	21.2%	0.4	\$84	3.7%	\$2,261
2021	21.4%	25.0%	28.7%	171	0.5%	16.2%	17.4%	1.3	\$113	4.3%	\$2,635
2020	6.3%	9.5%	18.4%	130	0.5%	16.4%	18.5%	0.7	\$62	2.8%	\$2,240
2019*	28.4%	32.0%	31.5%	155	0.0%	10.3%	11.9%	1.5	\$82	4.0%	\$2,050
2018	-3.5%	-0.5%	-4.4%	237	0.0%	9.8%	10.8%	0.9	\$78		
2017	18.1%	21.7%	21.8%	341	0.2%	9.4%	9.9%	1.0	\$130		
2016	6.9%	10.2%	12.0%	430	0.5%	9.8%	10.6%	0.6	\$130		
2015	-5.1%	-2.1%	1.4%	922	0.2%	9.8%	10.5%	1.1	\$248		
2014	5.9%	9.2%	13.7%	1124	0.2%	8.3%	9.0%	1.9	\$400		

Annualized Returns (March 31, 2024)
YTD is not annualized

Year	Total Return Net of Fees	Total Return PureGross of Fees	S&P 500
1 Year	14.0%	17.0%	29.9%
3 Year	5.9%	8.9%	11.5%
5 Year	8.4%	11.6%	15.0%
10 Year	7.4%	10.6%	13.0%
Since Inception [†]	6.0%	9.2%	10.9%

[†]Inception 12/31/02

*Logan Capital data starts 02/01/19

N.M. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

N/A – Data is not available for time period.

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